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And Chowdah Cook-off will have some fresh ingredients this year

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Only one new transaction this month, but lots of good advice about your home.

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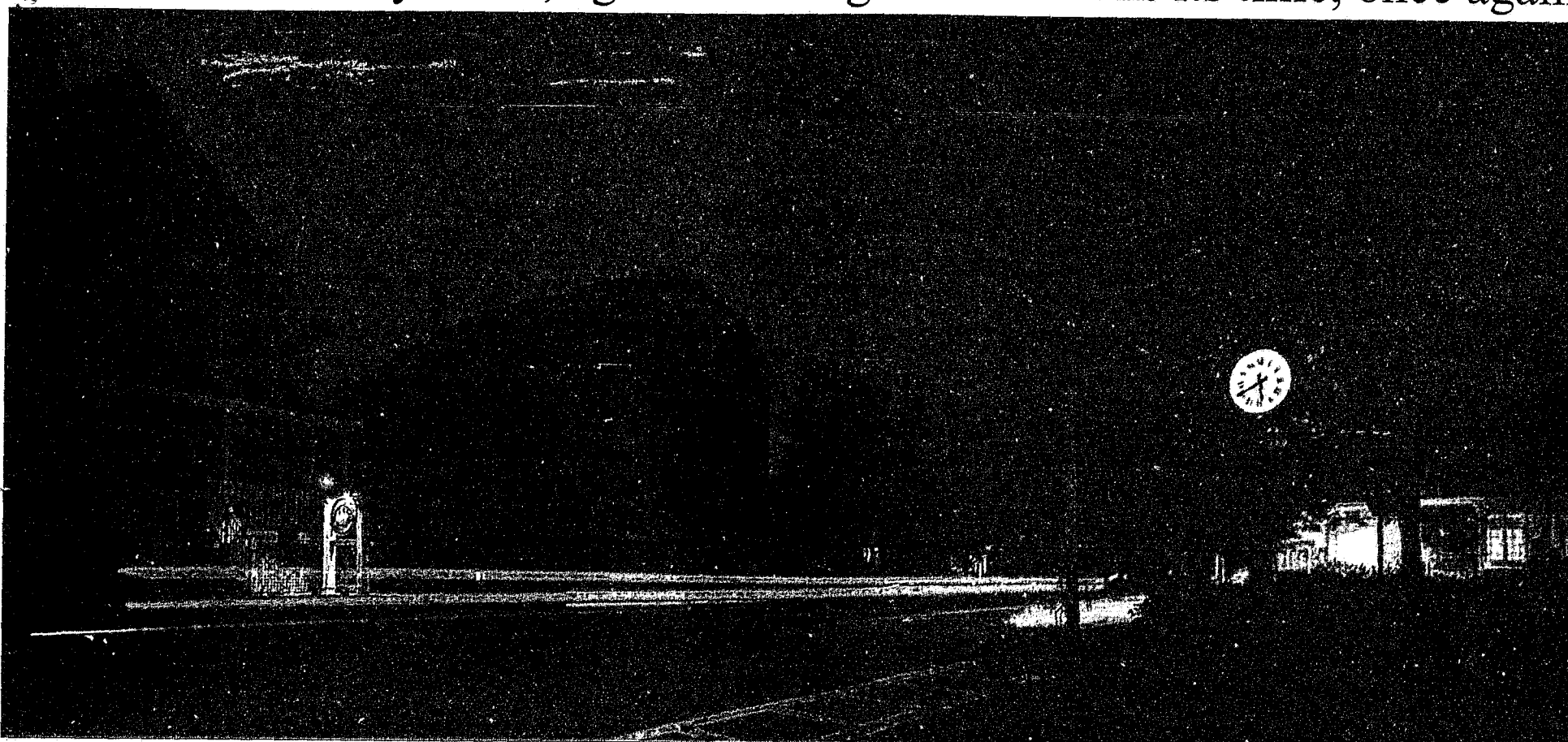
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Our luminary clock, against the night / Proclaims its time, once again right.



After being wrong (but for twice a day) since before Mollycoddett Day, the Bethel town clock began telling good time again last week, thanks to the efforts of Town Code Enforcement Officer Bob Folsom, and Scott Sumner and Toby Walker of the Bethel Highway Department. It had been initially thought that a lightning strike had blown out a circuit board inside the clock. Folsom said, but it turned out that rainwater had collected inside, shorting out a circuit. Avoiding a service call from the manufacturer in Massachusetts saved the town more than \$1,000. Folsom noted. Here, the clockface shines through Wednesday's moonlit cockcrow. (Apologies to Robert Frost and his poem 'Aquainted with the Night'.) (Photo: M. Daniels)

Andover women making their mark

Kristen O'Connor off to Hungary for a fight

By ALISON ALOISIO

A week after Kristen and Tim O'Connor of Andover returned from their honeymoon in 2003, they enrolled in a karate class in Norway.

"We wanted to stay in shape and learn at the same time," said Kristen.

Six years down the road, Kristen, 28, has proven to be an excellent student.

A two-time U.S. lightweight champion in full-contact karate, she will travel to Budapest,

Kristen played field hockey in high school. She and her husband also ski, hike and bike.

After the O'Connors started that first class in Norway at Maine Kyokushin Karate, it wasn't long before they began to take it seriously.

"A month or two after we started, we went to a tournament in Portland. We both got hooked," she said.

The full-contact level of the

Fundraiser set for 5 p.m. Saturday at Crossroads Diner in Bethel

Hungary later this month for an open World Tournament. A Massachusetts native,

But, she said, "karate was something we both wanted to do since we were kids."

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Sharon Hutchins named one of '6 WHO CARE'

By ALISON ALOISIO

Sharon Hutchins of Andover is one of this year's "6 Who Care," an award program of TV station WCSH Channel 6 that recognizes outstanding community service.

Hutchins, who was nominated by SAD44 Supt. Dave Murphy, will be honored for establishing the Andover Ed-

ucation Fund.

For 22 years, the fund has provided \$2,500 in scholarship money to every student resident of Andover who graduates and pursues post-secondary education.

The awards are to be presented at a ceremony on Oct. 19 at the Portland Museum of Art. The event will be tele-

vised on WCSH 6 on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m.

The other five recipients are from Auburn or the Portland area.

Hutchins works as a custodian at the Andover Elementary School, and also drives a SAD44 school bus (she refers to herself as a "bustodian"). Murphy described his rea-

sons for nominating her:

"I nominated her for her outstanding efforts in first establishing and then continuing to be an active force in the Andover Educational Fund for the past 20-plus years.

"The AEF started out as an idea that Sharon had many

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'THE TRUTH' ... perhaps

By MICHAEL DANIELS

... if you believe humorous satirical fictions have the power to uncover deeper truths, especially those uncomfortable or inconvenient truths that might otherwise go unspoken.

Such a reader would no doubt find much revealed in a tale about a local gubernatorial candidate punching out a convenience store clerk, because she would not sell him an early-morning beer for the road.

Or visiting parents at a local prep school walking around the campus "with their heads up ..." so far up, in fact, they are blind to the smothering fog of smug mediocrity they are dropping their offspring into.

Or even, perhaps, a flu-struck CPS pupil so ugly and unpopular she must be impaled for the greater good.

And they are all there, along with a large cast of other fictional folks and real institutions, at www.thetruthpost.wordpress.com, a blog which started up in July and focuses on fictional doings in and around Bethel.

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Conversion appeal on murder site B&B going back to board

By M. Dirk LANGVELD,

Sun Media Wire

The attorneys for a group seeking to convert a Newry bed and breakfast into condominiums have reaffirmed an appeal of the town's change-of-use denial, saying a trio of murders at the site in 2006 makes it impractical for use as an inn or rental property.

Newry Redevelopment LLC is seeking to convert the former Black Bear Bed and Breakfast on Sunday River Road from eight bedrooms and six bathrooms into four

condos.

Attorneys William Kany and James Mason, representing Newry Redevelopment, also argued that the town's Planning Board misinterpreted requirements of a shoreland zoning ordinance. The Planning Board denied the application for a permit in November.

The Board of Appeals upheld the decision in February. It also denied the variance requests, saying Newry Redevelopment had

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VACANT HOUSE IN LOCKE MILLS BURNS
Firefighters from seven town, along with Tri Town Rescue, responded early Tuesday afternoon when the call came in of a home on fire on the dead-end Pine Ridge Road, off Howe Hill Road, in Locke Mills village. The two-bedroom, wooden-frame house belongs to former Greenwood Selectman Marie Bartlett, but was empty at the time of the fire. It appeared the fire started in a living area in the rear of the home, Greenwood Fire Chief Jim Owen said. The cause is being investigated by the State Fire Marshall's Office, he said. (Photo: A. Watson)

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FELDSPAR STORY OPSS—Last week's feldspar story was inadvertently repeated in part and stopped in mid-stream. The story is reprinted in full this week on Page 5

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Letters

THANK GOD FOR PILOT TRAINING

To the Editor:

I get so tired of reading articles and objections on the National Guard lowering the flight corridor for training in the western Maine area. Those that complain are concerned about the impact on the wildlife and the environment. Well if the people complaining were so worried about the wildlife they should have done something a long time ago.

I have lived here all my life. Those that complain are those that were not living here in the '60s and '70s when low-level flights in the western Maine mountain area were a daily occurrence. Today all you hear about now is the impact on the environment and how it will affect the wildlife and our quality of life.

Well if those who are worried about low-level flights were really concerned, they would realize that one of the largest impacts on the environment and wildlife is the numerous numbers of subdivisions that have been created over the years and also the clear cutting of many acres of vital forestlands for golf courses. This not only takes away from the animals but also from the people who also enjoy it.

Those that raise concern are worried about the noise the flights create. Show me where short-term noise affects the animals. Where is the proof? If that is the case, then we need to ban fireworks at 4th of July, Mollycoddett days and all the weekends they are displayed at Sunday River, and oh, by the way, we need to ban snowmobilers in the winter, because of the gas pollution and the noise they make and boats with motors in the summer. Oh but to do so would be to take away business from local businesses.

You see I don't object to low-level flights, fireworks, boats, golfing, snowmobiles and pretty much anything else anyone wants to do, because this is a free country.

Oh and regarding quality of life — thank God we have these training flights, because for the last eight years there hasn't been an attack on the United States. And yes, I said God, just like I believe in prayer in school and the Pledge of Allegiance. If you enjoy your quality of life and the freedom you enjoy so much, be thankful these practice flights happen. I for one call that Quality of Life.

Jane Ryerson
Bethel

FRESH FEST INGREDIENTS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Harvest Fest and Chowdah Cook-off is quickly approaching and we wanted to let everyone know of some of the recent developments related to the festival.

For the first time ever, we will have Maine baked potatoes for sale at the festival. The potatoes will be freshly dug out of the ground by the grower Campbell Farms in Littleton, Maine. We will be selling the potatoes with a choice of toppings and they will be a wonderful addition to the food offerings.

We are honored to be welcoming the 2009 Little Miss Potato Blossom Queen, Taylor Hedrich, who happens to be the granddaughter of our Presenting Sponsors, Dave and Pattie McCrum of Sunday River Farms LLC. Taylor will be helping to showcase the products that both the Sunday River Farms and their parent company, County Super Spuds, make possible through their farm operations. We encourage you to visit their booth, where complimentary bags of potato chips, Maine Potato Board recipes, and coloring books will be distributed.

Also for the first time, we are inviting "home chefs" to make their favorite chowdah and bring it to the Chowdah Fest. What is required is seven gallons of chowder and the willingness to participate and serve to our appreciative public. Those non-commercial chowders will be entered into the People's Choice judging. Please contact the chamber office if you are interested. The invitation is also extended for apple pies. Traditional and non-traditional pies will be judged in the amateur division.

We would like to invite everyone to start getting into the "harvest spirit" and decorate. Our scarecrow theme is "Celebrating our agricultural heritage — farm to table."

Plan to attend this great event on Saturday, as well as joining in the fun at the many events being held as part of the weekend. The Bethel Historical Society, the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and many of our area businesses have something to offer. Contact the chamber office (824-2282) with questions or with your interest in participating.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel area Chamber of Commerce

WOODSTOCK PTA CRAFT FAIR

To the Editor:

The Woodstock PTA is planning our 8th annual Craft Fair. We are looking for any crafters that would like to rent a table. The cost for table rental is \$10. The Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in a table please call Woodstock School at 665-2228 during school hours or e-mail Tracy Walker at walkertr@sad44.org. There will be a big silent auction. Delicious lunch and bake sale items will also be for sale.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Walker
Craft Fair Chair

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K-9 CARNIVAL COMING TO TOWN

To the Editor:

I would like to invite your readers to a K-9 Carnival at the Bethel Animal Hospital on Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, unless of course we have a torrential downpour which would result in a rain date of Oct. 18.

There will be Agility, Rally and Dog Carting demos, contests for the Best Pet Trick and Best Costume, as well as activities for dogs and people throughout the day. We also have several great items to be raffled off, anyone can purchase tickets the week before at the Animal Hospital as well as the day of the carnival. The drawing will be held on the 20th at 1:30 p.m. Jim Mann will live-auction off several jewelry items from his store on Main Street at 12:30 that day. Admission is free and all proceeds will benefit local Animal Shelters, Second Chance, Responsible Pet Care and McKennels.

In these tough times we must not forget our animal friends. We, here at the Animal Hospital are praying for good weather and good friends to turn out and support this worthwhile cause.

Hope to see you there.

Kathy-Jo Farren
For Bethel Animal Hospital

THE TRUTH

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But not quite the full truth — not mingling with 'THE TRUTH's cast of local characters are all the blog's writers, at least not identified by their real names:

The Citizen had a brief e-mail exchange with one of the blog's co-creator/writers — a pleasant fellow who agreed to meet with us, preferably in a bar, but only on the condition that his real name not be mentioned.

He said he feared that if it were known he wrote for THE TRUTH, he'd never work in this town again.

He did say that his "intent is satire and never malicious."

And his fellow co-creator and writer Kate Borroughs, who fielded questions by e-mail (and agreed to have her name used), said this of the bloggers' intent:

"Firstly, people will always automatically assume that we're ripping off The Onion, the famous and highly-successful satire newspaper/website. It is an hilarious operation that they're running, and has definitely become an influence, but Ben [another of the founders] and I actually didn't even know of The Onion when we started THE TRUTH. Our stories are all originals with a local area focus. If people choose to think of us as Onion rip-off artists, then we prefer to be called 'satire pirates.' It just sounds cooler that way."

Other random influences, Borroughs said, include: "SNL (even when the show slumps), Tucker Max's book, 'I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell,' Monty Python, Woody Allen, Mel Brooks, The Daily Show, and of course Will Ferrell."

But as Wimsatt and Beardsley cautioned us in "The Intentional Fallacy," and Roland Barthes in "The Death of the Author," it is ultimately a work's text that signifies, not its author's putative intentions.

With that in mind we offer the following scattering of samples from THE TRUTH.

For those who would like more, the full texts of the original stories from which the samples were selected can be found on the website noted above.

Caveat lector

THE TRUTH's fictions are not for every taste.

Many readers will no doubt find them frequently tasteless, and sometimes downright mean spirited.

Is that justified by the

resultant humor?

Strictly a matter of personal taste.

Scraps of 'THE TRUTH'

On what's in the air at our local prep school:

For many years Gould Academy has been Bethel's finest institution for getting an education in a smug-filled environment. Recently, smug has enveloped the whole school and it is so thick that you almost need a lighthouse just to find Church Street. The smug is so thick that it's polluting the air to the point that Beijing is taking notes.

About the reception Stevie, a teenager, kidnapped 10 years earlier, receives when he unexpectedly returns home. (Note: the story was published more than a month before Jaycee Dugard returned home in California. It opens with the boy's father, Jim, speaking):

"This is worse than when I thought he actually did die."

"In fact," continues Jim, "he shouldn't even be here in our house. He's eighteen years old now. He should be living on his own. One thing is for sure. He's not getting any money. Do you know how much it cost us to keep that kid's face on the side of a milk carton for ten years? All of his birthday and Christmas presents, his first car, and his college education. That's how much."

The Harpers sent Stevie away, but they didn't make him leave empty handed. Even though they intended not to, the Harpers did actually end up giving Stevie money. Exactly forty-four cents [price of U.S. postage stamp], a piece of paper, and a pen tucked inside of a blank envelope. That way, he can write to somebody who cares.

"Well that went well," says Stevie, sarcastically. "It's probably a good thing that I didn't tell them about the whole being gay thing."

Or on the homely, flustered CPS pupil:

Sometimes when a disease is treated, it can mutate and become a more dangerous strain than before. It seems to be the same case at Crescent Park Elementary. Even more tragic, is the medical treatment the children will receive because the only known cure for swine flu, like vampirism, is killing the original host with a wooden stake. Once the host carrier has been stabbed in the heart, the cursed disease will be lifted and the other afflicted children will regain

their health.

Colonel Stephen Matthews is the ranking officer on the scene.

"This is a terrible blemish on a peaceful town," said Matthews. "Let's face it though. You saw the picture of that girl. Admit it. Gerta Donnelly needs to die. It's for the greater good."

There could be no arguing. Little eye-soar, "Dirta" Donnelly, needed to go.

Lt. Major Jamal Allen has been selected to personally "handle" Gerta Donnelly. "This is an awful fate," says Allen, while whittling a piece of wood into a deadly stake. "Fate can be cruel sometimes. For instance, she's probably gonna be crying and giving me the puppy eyes or something. Telling me that she just wants to go home to her precious little doggy."

And lastly, on our fictional gubernatorial candidates Big Apple 'roid rage':

Carey Taggs, Otten's press secretary, had this to say, "Les' jail time, believe it or not, is an amazing stroke of luck. This will actually help jump-start his young political career. America is currently looking for the next Ted Kennedy, and once other politicians find out that Otten was involved in a car accident involving a young woman, then they will have found Kennedy's successor. In memory of Kennedy's Chappaquiddick car crash incident, Les' incident with this woman has been dubbed the Big-Applequiddick."

And the kicker:

After Otten's actions in Bethel were reviewed by a county judge, Otten's jail sentence was reduced to nothing because he owns Bethel, Maine.

Judge for yourselves

In closing, The Citizen's reporting on THE TRUTH is neither an endorsement nor criticism of the local bloggers' efforts — we are simply letting our readers know that the blog exists, and providing a sample of its content.

Prior to publication, we did contact the real people and institutions that have so far provided the blog's fodder, to let them know this story would be appearing, and to offer them an opportunity to comment, if they cared to.

Most, quite understandably, declined.

But Edie Smith, manager of the Les Otten for Governor Exploratory Campaign, did offer this assessment of the last story excerpted here.

"It's disgusting," Smith said.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Mabel and Alden Kennett were guests of honor at a family party celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Work was nearly completed on the badly eroded Androscoggin River bank behind Dr. John Mason's office.

Forty-two members of the Bethel Senior Citizens group went on a tour that included a boat trip to Bailey Island.

Births: Alice Bethany Pelletier, David William Woodford, Tehya Elizabeth Johnson.

20 years ago: A team of Maine Conservation Corps workers finished eight weeks of work on building a hiking trail up Goose Eye Mountain in Riley Township.

Upton's tax rate for 1989 was \$12.20 per \$1,000 of valuation, up \$4.60 from the previous year.

The Bethel Board of Selectmen took a first, tentative, step toward recycling some of the town's solid waste, voting 3-1 to repit a recycling container to be placed at the landfill.

Births: Nicholas Allen Bean, Abbie Wentworth Cummings, Charles Stephen Hastings.

Deaths: Ethel A. Lovejoy, Andrew Harding.

30 years ago: The Maitie Job Service opened an office in the downstairs conference room at the Bethel Savings Bank.

Gould Academy opened for its 144th year with an enrollment of 201.

Over 30 people attended a gathering to hear Isaac Russell of Norway explain his plan for Oxford transit bus service to the Bethel area.

Death: Mrs. Ruth B. Grover.

40 years ago: Edward Bennett, Newry, shot a 193-pound bear not far from his home on the Branch Road.

The Rev. Charles E. Schleifch was serving as interim pastor at the West Parish Congregational Church until a full-time minister was selected.

The 124th Oxford County Fair got underway on Sept. 11, at its new location on the Oxford road.

Birth: Jeffery Walker Kaisel.

Death: William Mason.

50 years ago: A 40x40 foot cement block addition was being built at Bennett's Garage to provide space for their body shop.

Local 4-H clubs held an exhibition at the Congregational Church. A highlight of the evening was a skit by Jimmy Davis and Roger Dock.

Gould Academy opened for the school year with an enrollment of 315 students.

Births: Lawrence Carroll Bennett, Michael Loring Roberts, Carl Arnold McLean.

Deaths: Arthur H. Browne, Frank A. Hunt, Sr., Ernest F. Bisbee.

60 years ago: For the fourth consecutive year school enrollment in Bethel increased. Opening day registration was 468, compared with 445 in 1948.

Stanley Lord and family moved from Waterford to the Sanborn farm at Skillingston, which they purchased from Ernest Buck.

Miss Elizabeth Mason of Bethel was appointed Community Relations Manager of the Maine Publicity Bureau.

70 years ago: The Swan family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mitchell.

80 years ago: William Mason of South Bethel was badly burned at a service station. Gas fumes were ignited when he lighted a match.

Death: William H. Griffin.

90 years ago: The Bethel corn shop started with prospects of a good run.

Death: Mrs. Mary Mason Lowell.

100 years ago: Announcement was made of the discovery of the North Pole, by Dr. Frederick Cook in 1908 and Commander Robert Peary in 1909.

Officers H.A. Packard and C.L. Davis captured a horse thief in Mason. He was wanted for stealing two pairs of horses in Cambridge, Mass.

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Briefly

Hazardous waste disposal date

BETHEL—The 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will take place in Bethel Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the SAD44 Bus Garage. Residents of Bethel, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry and Woodstock may bring waste at no cost. To determine what types of items should be disposed of at the site, look for the words "caution," "warning," "flammable," or "danger" on the label. Other items include mercury-containing products such as thermometers and thermostats. Materials should be packed in original, secure containers; use boxes or plastic bags when appropriate, and placed in a trunk or truck bed. On arriving at the site, please remain in the vehicle. Household hazardous wastes should not be poured down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers or disposed of with trash. They have the potential to injure sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems, and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

POW/MIA program

PARIS—On Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m., the Maine Veterans' Home on 477 High St. in South Paris will host a POW/MIA program in the facility. Joel Dutton, Administrator will be the Master of Ceremonies. The posting of the Colors will be executed by Mechanic Falls Post 150. Joseph Cooney, Chairman of Western Maine Veterans' Advisory Committee will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Melvin Young will do the invocation. Hugh Daley, Sgt. Of Arms, Dixfield Post #100 will do the traditional "Setting of the Table" ceremony and explain the history of this. This will be followed by a reading of the names of each POW/MIA in the State of Maine by Gil Turner, Chaplain, South Paris Post #72. Frank Johnston will lead the group in his rendition of the National Anthem and close with God Bless America. At the closing of the ceremony, refreshments will be served and tours of the facility will be available. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Weather reimbursement funds

AUBURN—Individuals, families and non-profit entities in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties who suffered property losses from the severe weather between April 28 and May 14, 2008 may be eligible for reimbursement through a program administered by Community Concepts of South Paris. In a statewide partnership with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Community Action Association, the program provides first-time funding and reimbursement for anyone living in Maine who suffered storm damage — including flooding, in the 2008 spring storm. "This huge spring storm came on the heels of a long hard winter of high heating costs and a rapid descent into recession," says Jim Wilkins, Director of Advancement for Community Concepts. "Homeowners and business owners throughout the state were already suffering from the housing and economic meltdown of 2008. The storm pushed a lot of people over the edge into financial difficulties at the worst possible moment. This reimbursement program will be a needed relief as we begin heading into another heating season." Funds are available on a first-come, first serve basis. Priority will be given to low-income households and those who have not yet received any compensation. The program is intended to address home repair, reimbursement for documented "out of pocket" expenses, health services (including mental health) and repairs to non-profit facilities. Non-profit facilities include health care and mental health care buildings, child care centers and other social service facilities. Community Concepts is the program administrator for all of Androscoggin and Oxford Counties. For more information on eligibility and applying for assistance, please contact: Koriene Low, Director of Transportation and Community Services at 1-800-866-5588. Applications for reimbursement will be accepted until Sept. 25. Community Concepts, Inc., a local Maine non-profit, helps more than 25,000 individuals every year. Founded in 1965 and led by an 18-member volunteer Board of Directors, its services include: Head Start, family support services, transportation, energy programs, economic development and affordable housing throughout Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford. Community Concepts' funding comes from a variety of government contracts, grants from private foundations and corporations and gifts from individuals.

NewPage machine to shut down

RUMFORD—For the first time in many months, the No. 10 paper machine at NewPage paper mill will be a part of the rolling shutdowns other machines have been experiencing for more than a year. Matt Bean, Local 900 union president at NewPage Corp., said the shutdown is scheduled to begin Sept. 18 and last for two weeks or so. He said between 25 and 30 people who work on the machine will be directly affected, along with an unknown number of people who work in support, such as those in the beater and finishing rooms. Now, the No. 15 machine continues on a five-day-a-week schedule rather than seven, a situation that has been ongoing for many weeks. The No. 12 machine, which sometimes is part of the rolling shutdowns, is currently operating 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Bean said the mill will likely be looking for voluntary layoffs. Calls to mill spokeswoman Janet Hall were not returned. The rolling shutdowns have been an attempt to align production with orders. In a matter related to about 100 permanent layoffs earlier in the year, Bean said an unspecified number of former employees have met with the Maine CareerCenter and unemployment representatives as part of the process for receiving benefits under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of the U.S. Department of Labor. Laid-off employees were approved to receive training and other benefits from the federal program last month. Bean said some former employees are currently attending classes for retraining and some are waiting for Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits to kick in before they begin. Despite the latest rolling shutdown, Bean said business appears to be slightly better now than it was during the first six months of the current year. The corporate office for NewPage is located in Ohio. In addition to the Rumford mill, NewPage also owns and operates others in several states and the province of Nova Scotia.

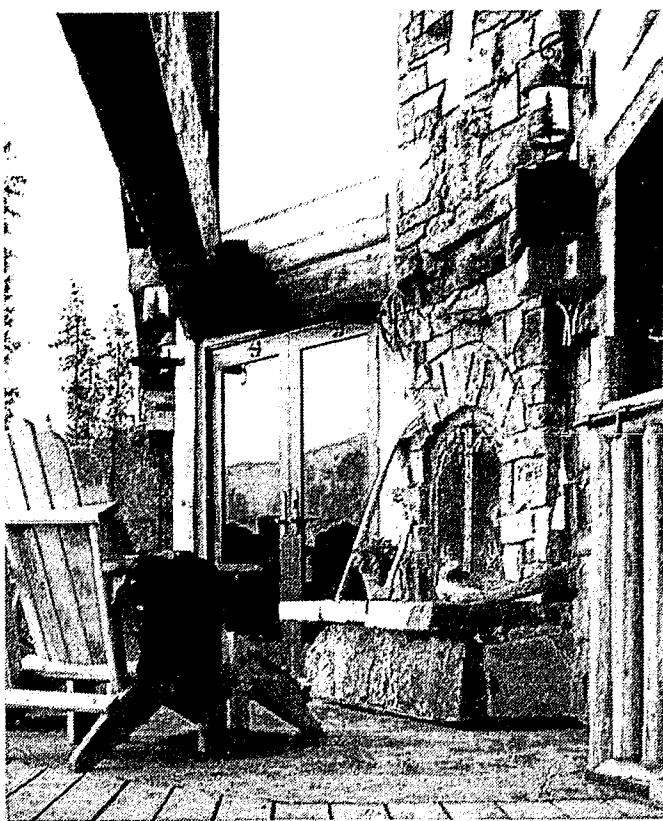
Highway fatalities down

AUGUSTA—Maine State Police say 100 people have been killed on Maine highways so far this year — the lowest total to this point in at least 16 years. Last year, 114 highway deaths had been recorded in Maine through the Labor Day holiday weekend, and in 2007 the total was 108. By comparison, there were 141 road deaths in both 2003 and 2004 preceding Labor Day.

CLARIFICATION

SUBCONTRACTING LOCAL—A sentence from a photo caption in last week's Citizen showing work on the Eames Bridge in Newry by D.A. Wilson was inadvertently cut short during the publication process. The sentence should have read that Doug Wilson said he was pleased to be able to keep all the subcontracting work local to the region. An identification should also have been included for an adjacent photo of a waterfall just downstream of the Eames bridge.

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Kristen

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include punches, kicks, elbows and knees with the protection of pads, competitors who progress to higher levels cast aside the pads.

Kristen has been knocked out several times and has had her nose broken. "You're always dealing with injuries," she said. "But there are less injuries in training than there are in high school football."

Although Tim has given up competitive fighting, his decision was prompted by an injury he incurred before starting karate, Kristen said.

She said her family was at first skeptical of her involvement in a fighting sport.

"They didn't like it at first," she said. "But then they came for a tournament, and they loved it."

Judging the winner in a competition is based on "who controls the ring and inflicts the most damage," said Kristen. "You have to break the will of your opponent."

Most fights last two minutes, with finals going three.

Until this summer, Kristen competed in the women's lightweight division. But she was borderline for that class, and this summer she's moved up to middleweight, where there are more competitors.

Fighters also work their way up through levels of achievement signified by belts. There are 10 "degrees" for each belt in Kristen's style of fighting. She is a second degree black belt.

Getting to that level wasn't easy.

"I wasn't a natural at it," she said. "I had to work hard to improve my skills."

When she loses a fight, she still finds some measure of victory in knowledge gained.

"Whether it's a good or bad experience, you learn," she said. "You always walk away better, even if you lose."

And, she said, the pain of injury is not enough to make her question her commitment to the sport or even to a par-



She's ready.

ticular fight.

"You can always bail out on a fight for injury, but I couldn't do that," she said. "I would always think about what would have happened. Could I have done it? It is a desire to test what I have learned on people I have never seen before. I can't remember a time that I fought at 100 percent health. It is just like in life. If someone tried to hurt you 'on the street' and you had a hurt leg, would you bail out then, too? I have never bailed on a fight for injury and I hope I keep it that way."

Doing the homework

In addition to training to perfect her skills, Kristen also works out to maintain her strength and endurance. After a day at her grounds-maintenance job at the Sun-

day River Golf Club, she heads to the workout room. She also watches her nutrition. For example, leading up to a competition, she said, "I'm a protein junkie."

Championships

Kristen won the U.S. Kyokushin Championship in 2007 in Seattle, Wash., and again this year, when the event took place at Sunday River Ski Resort.

In Budapest, she and another fighter from her school, or "dojo," will represent Team Maine as part of Team USA.

Because the worldwide circle of full-contact karate fighters is relatively small, Kristen is looking forward not only to the competition but the camaraderie.

"I'm excited to see friends from Canada," she said.

As for her goal for the three-day competition in Budapest, "I think I have a really good chance of making it to the last day of competition. And it's not far-fetched to say I could win."

Benefit supper

A benefit to help fund Team Maine's trip will take place Saturday. A spaghetti supper at Crossroads Diner in Bethel is planned for 5 p.m. The cost in advance is \$6.99 at Crossroads Diner or at Maine Kyokushin Karate, and \$8.99 at the door.

Teacher

As much as she likes competing, Kristen said she equally enjoys teaching the sport she loves, to all ages.

She's an instructor at the Norway school, and last year she began teaching a class for more than a dozen elementary-age kids at the Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel.

The youngsters are heavily protected, with helmets, pads and chest protectors.

After she's done in Budapest, she plans to teach another class at CPS. Kristen doesn't expect everyone she teaches to take karate to the level she has. Many are in for the self-discipline and perhaps self-protection, she said.

"Most people who do karate are not fighters," she said.

Sharon

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years ago. I remember her sitting down and talking to me about her idea.

"Now, many years later, a great many Andover students have benefitted from those efforts."

"In addition, she has also been a key player in the 'Hungry Kingdom' project at AES that will see AES students receive free breakfasts and lunches for the second straight year."

"Sharon is a tireless worker and her efforts will have a lasting impact on her community. Her recognition by



Sharon Hutchins

WCSH is well deserved."

In a Sept. 4 press release, WCSH said, "This is a barrier-free program, open to all students, regardless of socio-economic status, or their choice of college, specialized training, or certificate program."

"Over its 22-year history, more than \$500,000 has been granted to Andover young people."

The Andover Education Fund was featured this spring by WCSH in a report on the 2009 Andover graduates of Telstar High School.

The fund, in her own words

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He would match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 received from Sept. 1 to Dec 31.

In 1997 we were granted our 501 c 3 tax status from the IRS. Since then we have been left bequests, memoriams, and many donations in honor of individuals who were and are alumnnae of Andover High School, as well as the donations garnered from the campaign in the fall.

Since 1987 we have served about 147 students, granting over \$500,000 in scholarship aid. This does not include the adult ed funds we supply. The Adult Ed fund was started in 1996, and has served over 40 of Andover's adults, granting over \$50,000 in aid to adults who are domiciled in Andover for at least three years prior to applying and at least 25 years of age.

[The recipients] are all special to me, as everyone has a different level of expectations for themselves, any program we can help them accomplish is especially rewarding.

We cannot dictate what program they are entering into — each makes his own choice.

The CNA who is happy doing what he/she is doing, or the truck driver, is just as gratifying to me as those who enter into the corporate world.

Our program has helped many levels of post high school study, and basically, that is what we are about.

News and photos from clubs and organizations

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, Sept. 7

At 4:20 p.m. on Mason Street Officer Mike Grenier issued a summons to Bridgitte L. Downs, 20, for permitting unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

At 4:20 p.m. on Mason Street Officer Mike Grenier arrested Rachel A. Tuttle, 19, for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Saturday, Sept. 5

At 7:15 a.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to a business for a report that an employee had found a small bag of marijuana in the parking lot. The bag was taken as evidence.

At 10:07 p.m. Officer Mike Grenier responded to Mason Street for a 911 hangup call. The call was made in error.

At 11 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to Vernon Street for a report of an accident. The driver fled the scene. With help from a state police K-9, the driver was located and taken into custody for OUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

Friday, Sept. 4

At 8:24 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to Mason Street for a dispute between two parties. One subject left after a discussion.

Thursday, Sept. 3

At 10:10 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a business for a report that cash had been taken.

At 4:10 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to a residence for a harassment complaint.

At 5:50 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to a residence for a harassment complaint.

At 9:35 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to a business for a report of telephone harassment.

State Police Report Highlights:

(Bethel region)

Tr. Huckins responded to Woodstock after several kids found a suitcase and duffle bag under a train trestle in the woods. The boys were curious and opened the duffle bag to find what they believed to be human bones. They called their dad who came out to their location. The adult opened the bag and located what he believed was a human jaw bone. Tr. Huckins, Det. Terry James and Warden Brock Clukey responded to the location. Upon arrival, the three officers located a large suitcase under the train bridge. Sticking out of the side was a white sheet with a stain on it, and some women's night wear. In the duffle bag, were numerous bones and rope. The remains were identified as animal remains by the identification of a deer skull and a moose skull.

Tr. Casey responded to a complaint in Andover of an adult male subject that had furnished liquor to two juvenile females. Interviews were conducted with the females who were less than cooperative regarding the incident. The suspect was identified and the incident remains under investigation.

Tr. Casey responded to a crash in Andover and determined that the operator involved has some form of narcolepsy that caused her to fall asleep and contributed to the crash. The operator admitted she had fallen asleep three times during her short travel, the last time caused her to travel through an intersection asleep and stopped only after striking several trees head-on. An adverse driving report was completed and submitted to the Secretary of State.

The days when feldspar paid the bills

By ALISON ALOISIO

For decades, Western Maine gem and mineral shops have offered a variety of eye-catching stones, as well as jewelry made from local specimens.

And more recently, roadside gem digs have become an increasingly popular tourist attraction. For a modest price, visitors try their hand at finding quartz, beryl, tourmaline and other gems in loads of tailings trucked in from local private mines.

But look at these attractions from an historical perspective, says miner Jim Mann of Bethel, and there's irony.

"All the things that used to pay the bills go to the dump," he said.

Those things include feldspar, often cast aside as rock-hounds dig for the prettier colors among the tailings.

But in the earlier decades of the 20th century, feldspar "paid the bills" for many local mine employees.

The mineral served as a key component in household plates, china, sinks, tubs, sandpaper, electrical circuit boards and other manufactured goods.

Local feldspar rocks were crushed into a powder at a mill in West Paris.

"Feldspar was the economic driver to all these mines being here," said Mann, who owns a jewelry shop on Main Street in Bethel.

The story of such industrial mining, as well as the search for precious gems, is told in a recently published book, "Maine Feldspar, Families and Feuds," edited by well-known Maine mineralogy historian Vandall King, a native of Skowhegan.

As the title implies, the book is more than just an account of the development of the local mining business.

"It's about the people who lived it, too," said Mann.

People with family names like Bumpus, Perham, Cummings and Kimball.

For example, "A Day in the Life of an Oxford County Mineral Quarry" includes a description of how rock miner Harold (Red) Perham changed careers for a time in 1941 to do drill work on the Portland Pipeline project.

Unlike other drillers, Perham routinely sent his drill to the company blacksmith to be sharpened before it was dull.

This did not endear him to the blacksmith, but it enabled him to set a record for the number of holes drilled in a day.

"This wisdom changed the philosophy and rate of progress of the pipeline's construction," wrote King.

The text is divided into 16 chapters and several appendices. Among the titles: "The Birth of the Feldspar Mill at West Paris;" "Work at the Songo Pond Quarry, Albany;" "Beryl and the Bomb;" "Mica Mining at the Wheeler Brothers Quarries, Gilead, Maine;" and "History of the Town of Albany."

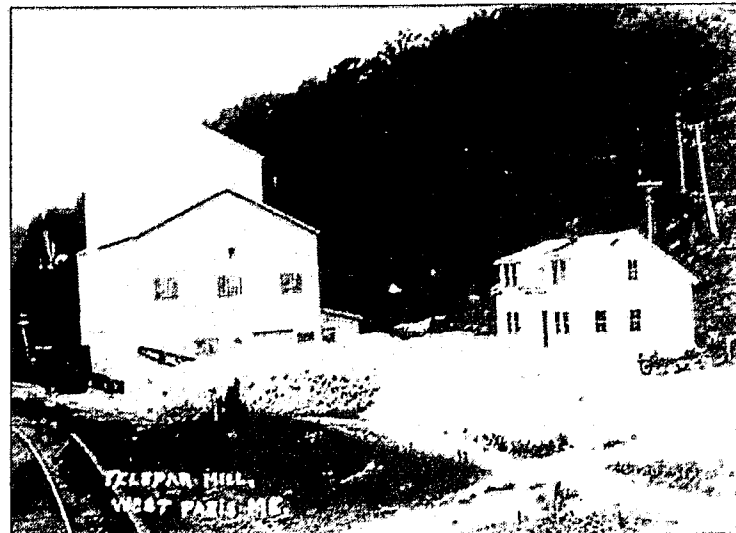
The 300-page book, dedicated to local gemologist Jane Perham and geologist Frank Perham, also includes many photos.

A significant portion of the book focuses on the Bumpus Mine in Albany, a source of feldspar for many years, and also the site of one of the largest beryl crystal finds in the world.

The book was commissioned by Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden of Albany, Mann said.

They bought the Bumpus Mine five years ago and have turned it into an educational resource, offering tours to those interested in the history of mining.

"Maine Feldspar, Families and Feuds" is available at the Bethel Historical Society, Whitman and West Paris libraries (selling them as a fundraiser), Mt. Mica Rareties in Bethel and at Mann's shop on Main Street.



THE WEST PARIS FELDSPAR MILL in 1928.



ROY PERHAM and crew. (Photos from "Maine Feldspar, Families and Feuds" courtesy Van King)

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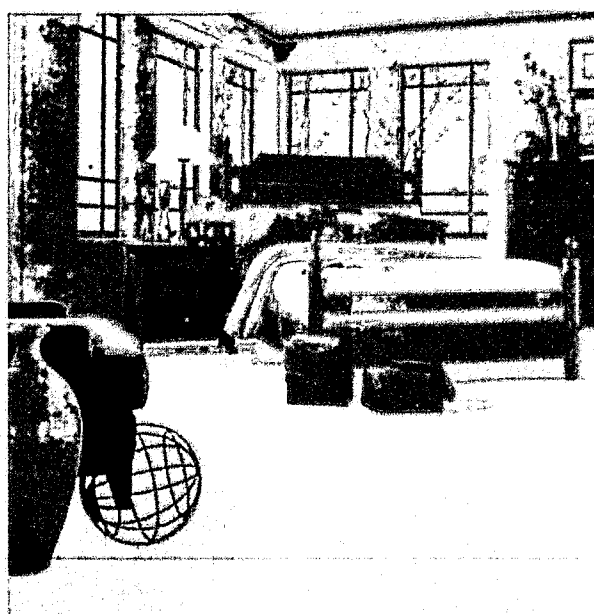


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Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

On the first day of September Sunday River Farms was digging

potatoes in their field next to the Irving Station. Digging was finished the following day.

Tom and Marcey White have put their beautiful place in Mayville up for sale.

Labor Day Goings On
Summer began on Labor Day weekend. It was the first time this season that we saw canoes and a kayak on the river at 8 a.m. A River View party had taken the resort's kayak out and was doing some circles in the morning sunshine. We could also hear the chatter from canoes as they drifted downstream.

Sylvia and Norm Clanton ran Mayville's yard-sale-of-the-century over the three-day weekend. One of the drive-by shoppers remarked to Kathy that it was the cleanest, best-organized yard sale that she had ever seen.

The Peterson lawn and driveway on the corner of Railroad and Elm streets were filled with another holiday weekend yard sale.

For enjoying the outdoors Sunday afternoon, the two busiest spots in the Sunday River valley were Frenchman's Hole on Bull Branch and the scenic lift rides at South Ridge lodge. The swimming hole park lot was full at mid-afternoon and a number of families — kids and parents — were in the

water or climbing the rocks. At the ski area, more than six dozen cars were in the parking lot. Many of the lift riders were bikers who use the lift chairs and families took the chondolas.

Classes commenced at Gould Academy on Monday, Sept. 7. Monday the Sun Journal reported on continuing efforts by Newry Redevelopment LLC to obtain approvals necessary to convert the Black Bear Bed and Breakfast on the Sunday River Road (for people of my era known as the former Jim Reynolds place) to condominiums. Misfortune has tainted the inn — the "Labor Day murders" were committed there three years ago.

Adventures in reading
One of my favorite authors while in elementary school, Arthur Ransome, has had a new biography written about his double and triple life. It was reviewed in The Economist last week. The title of the book is "The Last Englishman: The Double Life of Arthur Ransome." Three of his book titles I can remember well were "Swallows and Amazons," "Pigeon Post" and "We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea." It turns out that he was a confidant of Lenin, Trotsky and the head of the Cheka. He married Trotsky's personal secretary and was apparently a British MI6 agent as well as a journalist. No wonder he was such a good writer of children's books. His books are still in print; he died in 1967.

While we were living in London one of our weekend trips included a visit to the Norfolk Broads in East Anglia (England) where Ransome's 1934 book "Coot Club" was

based. The villains of this story are city dwellers who are charging around on a river near the rather sleepy center of the Broadlands region in a rented cruiser threatening the coot nesting areas and making a very unseemly racket. The afternoon we arrived at our bed and breakfast inn near one of the rivers on the Broad, by happy coincidence a cruiser with double cabins exactly like the one illustrated in the book went up the river but quietly at a moderate speed. All this was 40 years after the book came out.

The Dogs of Summer
Freckles, our summer boarder, went home a week ago last Monday and Hays has the house and walking times to himself. We had four walks a day except in heavy rain. The best walk was along the Androscoggin River trail that runs from the River View to the Picnic area near the Brew Pub. Our walks went only to the half-way point. There are three dog attractions, sniffing tree stumps along the riverbank, sniffing for mice in the field and sniffing raccoon trails along the beach. The river bank is lined with huge, old river maples — plenty of comfortable shade.

At home the dogs loved barking at every slightest excuse. Freckles would wake up, sit up and start barking for no reason. Bikers peddling by would get both dogs to the door window barking for all their might. We had old towels close by for wiping them down after coming in from a drizzle. Sometimes I would throw a towel over both dogs' heads to stop them from barking. They would shake of the towel and keep barking. The second towel would get them into a

towel tug-of-war. One day Hays grabbed all three towels, took them to his bed and laid down on them to keep the towels away from us. Freckles' game was to get one of Hays' furry toys in her mouth and push it into Hays' face. The two of them were a steady comedy pair.

Corn harvest time, the Wymans and a prominent son of Bethel

For nearly 40 years, fall harvest time would also signal the startup of Bethel's corn canning factory. A New York importing company started the first canning factory here in 1880, but in 1889 the J and EA (Jasper and Edgar) Wyman Co. bought the Bethel business. That December, Bethel held a special town meeting to appropriate \$2,500 to buy land near the rail depot (actually near the present Bethel Station/Chamber of Commerce office) and erect a new building for canning. The Home Rule section of Maine's constitution allowed towns to appropriate money for industrial buildings to foster industrial growth. So Bethel became one of five towns where the Wymans operated canning factories. Farmers in Bethel, Mason, Albany, and Newry contracted with the Wyman Company to raise sweet corn. One year as much as 340,000 cans or 28 freight car loads were shipped from Bethel.

Later the company was incorporated as Jasper Wyman & Sons; the corn canning plants were sold in 1901. Today Jasper Wyman & Son, the leading US grower, packer, and marketer of wild blueberries and flash-frozen berry fruits, is still in Bethel but in the frozen food section of Bethel's Shop 'n Save (still known as the IGA).

One of our prominent "Sons of Bethel," Frederick "Bud" Kneeland (1928-2001) had the distinction of being CEO and president of Jasper Wyman & Son from 1969 to 1984. His career achievements also included being the first legislative finance officer for the state; he was a trustee emeritus of Gould Academy where he had graduated in 1945. He was made an honorary colonel in

the Maine State Police. In a more modest way he began his accounting career at Hanover Dowel Mill in Bethel. Born in West Bethel, Mr. Kneeland was the oldest son of Roland and Libbie Kneeland. On his death in 2001, he was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Bethel.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

Labor Day weekend weather was just beautiful. It was just right for the

several yard sales that were held in the area.

Bill and Gale Tout had a yard sale over the weekend. We went over on Saturday and found some great items. We ended up going back on Sunday with Tim, Michele and Sidney. They found some good deals and Sidney went home with a teddy bear named Nelson.

Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire were in town for the weekend and we ran into them at the yard sale. We decided to go out to dinner that evening at Mr. Pizze in Gorham. When we went in, Roy and Mary Newton were just finishing up their meal.

Joe Boudreau came by with some blackberries that he had just picked. He had been to the big yard sale also.

My brother, Steve McLain, and his son, Brad, stopped by the house Saturday afternoon for a visit. We gave Brad a tour of the Gilead schoolhouse. He remembers going in there when it was a library.

Lise McLain took her father, Gerard Dupont, to Quebec City this past weekend. They were going to attend a 90th birthday party for Gerard's sister-in-law.

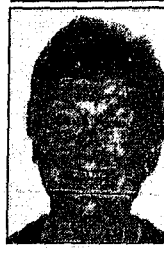
Gilead Historical Society

Just another reminder that the Annual Meeting for the GHS will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Town Hall. There will be a Pot Luck dinner at 1 p.m. that will be followed by the meeting. Please try to attend and help us with plans for the school

renovations. The roundtable will be interesting. Anyone with school memories, please let us know by attending or send us the information.

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West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Mike and I are back at the Hoehstead here in God's country

after a sentimental journey to Ohio (my birthplace) last week. Mike had a reunion with Goodyear Industrial Products colleagues. While he was playing with his friends, I played with some of mine from GlenOak High School, where I was a guidance counselor for six years, from 1976 to 1982. Time flies!

We drove to Corning, N.Y., last Monday and stayed in a hotel there. Tuesday morning we walked in the historic district before breakfast and found a little coffee shop called simply "Donna's." It was like going back to the '40s. Donna is a cat fancier, so there were many cat pictures, statues, and other cat memorabilia, as well as vintage dishes and Pyrex (Corning) ware. There was also the proverbial bottomless coffee cup. We thoroughly enjoyed our breakfast there without breaking the bank.

Since we were already 2/3 of the way to our destination, we decided to take some time Tuesday morning to visit the Corning Museum of Glass. What a spectacular place, and what a history lesson that was. I was stunned to learn that the manufacture of glass began in the "cradle of civilization" in the Middle East, now the site of so much violence, hatred, and unrest. The Syro-Palestinians made some of the first glass and also invented glass-blowing.

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the present-day Taliban, which seems only to want to destroy, and to deny real education to its young people, especially the females. I felt great sadness to think of what has become of this once-proud part of the world.

Around the first century A.D. in the Roman Empire, artisans figured out how to blow glass in a mold, and by the third century A.D. had perfected the art of cut glass. The Sasanians were working with all kinds of glass from the eastern Roman Empire to Central Asia. Some of the artifacts we saw were truly amazing and beautiful.

We arrived in Akron, Ohio, the Rubber City, late Tuesday afternoon and checked into the Holiday Inn in West Akron. We were early to bed in anticipation of all our proposed activity on Wednesday. I left Mike off at his party and proceeded down to North Canton to meet my fellow retirees from GlenOak for lunch. We both had rousing good times reminiscing and visiting with our respective colleagues. For these "country folk," however, driving in consistently very heavy traffic was somewhat unnerving.

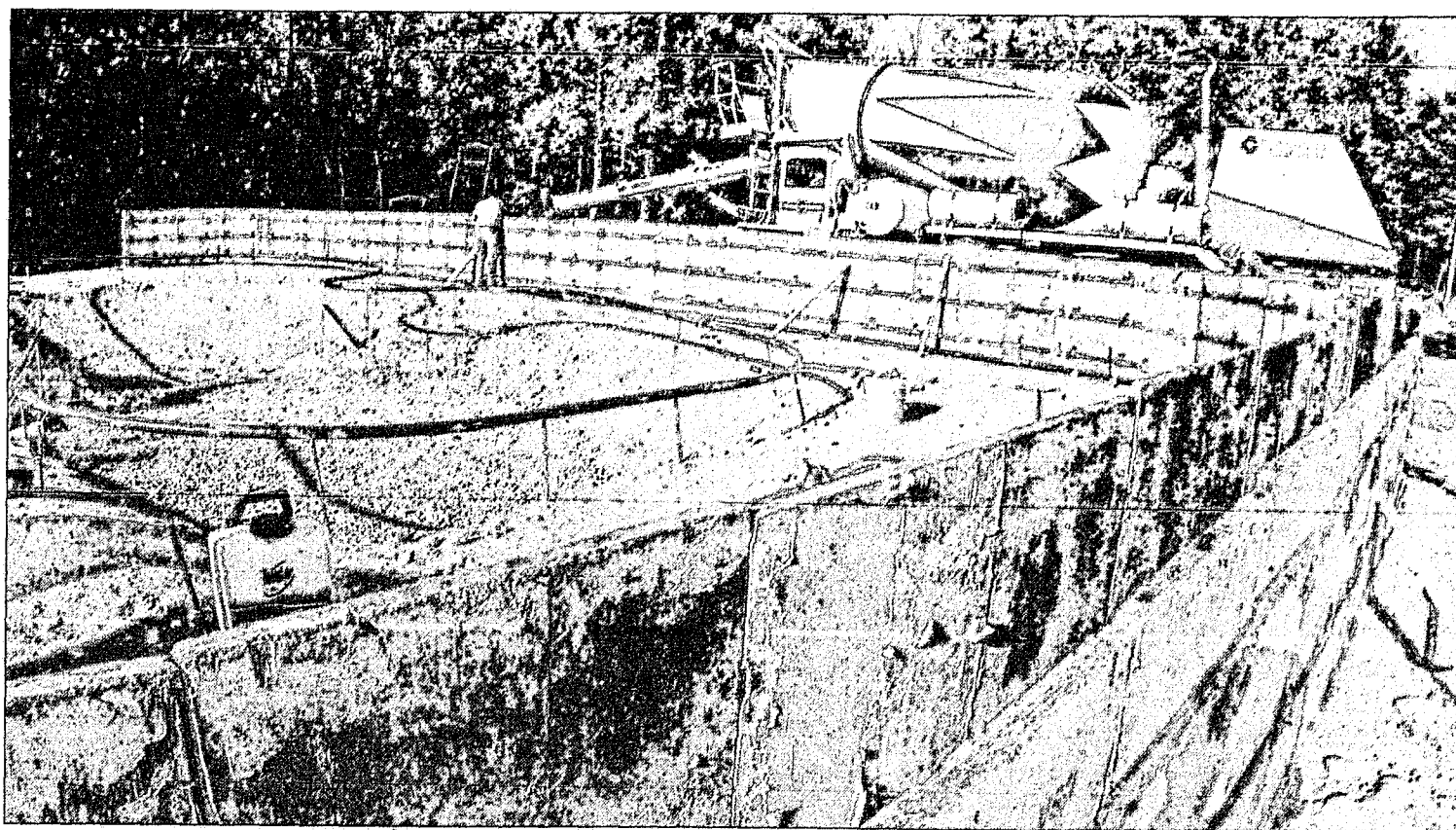
When I picked up Mike that afternoon, we headed north to Sagamore Hills to spend two nights with Hiram College mates, Barbara and Garth McCadoo. More reminiscing, sharing of photos, bragging about grandchildren. Barbara had arranged for us all to have lunch with eight other Hiram alumni at the Welshfield Inn, near Hiram College. Everyone was a bit grayer and more wrinkled, but the same lovely people were there beneath the older exteriors. A good time was had by all.

We headed home Friday by the northern route, aka the New York State Thruway. Although more expensive, it is a shorter drive, and we were able to spend that night in Bennington, Vt. What an amazing relief it was to leave Albany behind us and get out of all the traffic we'd been in ever since leaving northeastern Ohio! Driving up I-91 on Saturday morning was so peaceful and beautiful, with hints of coming autumn to be seen in the occasional reddening maple.

It was a spectacular weekend, with perfect late-summer weather. We went over to Martha's for a Labor Day picnic to wind things up. The garden corn here has been delicious, so we are really enjoying it. Just hope the second crop has a chance to ripen before the freeze.

I had a very nice note from Peter, who lives in a cabin on a mountain in Locke Mills. He told me of the many wildlife sightings he has there, including pileated woodpeckers, coyotes, bears, moose, deer, and bobcat. He also has lots of hummingbirds and other songbirds and has sighted a bald eagle circling over South Pond. Thank you for the kind words, Peter.

With Labor Day weekend ending, so also ended the Grange's summer flea market. I hope they had a successful season. Children are all back in school, and there's a nip in the morning air. Before long, the frost will be on the "punkin" and the fodder in the shock. Stay well, and if you see my friend,



SKATEPARK TAKES SHAPE—Work on Bethel's new \$97,000 skatepark is underway at Davis Park. Savage Excavation donated work and equipment to prepare the site, Dave Bean of the Skatepark Committee said. Late last week Bernier Concrete began the structural portion of the project. Here, a truck from Coleman Concrete pours concrete into the forms for the outer wall. At right is Andre Bernier of Andre's Construction Inc., who also did some dirt work. "This is happening because of the local contractors," said Bean, noting that Ron Savage was "the driving force behind reaching out to all the contractors," who have provided both donated and dis-counted work. The project is expected to be completed in October, and Bean said local skateboarders should be able to use it for the rest of the season. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bonnie Pooley, wish her happy birthday, which was earlier this week. dhoe@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Andover



by Melinda Averill
Hello Andover friends. I received the following letter

from Polly Johnston upon her return home a couple of weeks ago to Washington state, after visiting in Andover for a month:

"Our last week in Andover was a busy one. On Tuesday we were invited to Dottie and Roger Mills' for lunch. Peggy Madigan and Beanie Averill were our waitresses. After a delicious meal of pot roast, we had the most lovely dessert in a pretty red mug with a "cookie stick," a treasured memory to remember from being there. Our last weekend there we went to Wilsons Mills and spent it with Norman and Muriel Littlehale. Had lots of down time. On Sunday were up early to be in Andover for church, and who should walk in but our daughter, Julie Merrill, with her sister-in-law, Maria Merrill. Julie and John drove from our house in Washington to Maine in four and a half days to see us before we left. They drove to Portland to have lunch with us on Monday at DiMillo's. Also going was our daughter, Joye Reir. We met up with Nancy Brown and the Pfeffers for our annual DiMillo's get-together. Monday evening Joye and Dick and I went to Two Lights for fried clams. We flew out on Tuesday at 2 p.m. What a great time we had visiting friends and relatives!"

Sally and Keith Wilson of Salem, N.H., visited with her brother, Roger and Dot Mills, on Monday, Labor Day. They were spending the weekend at their camp in Greenwood.

Attention Andover walkers (and anyone else interested in getting fit): The Recreation Committee is starting a six-month walking program. If interested or for questions, Dora will be at the Town Hall

on Monday evening, Sept. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. So swing by and sign up, everyone welcome.

Reward for the return of a one certain lampshade, removed from Peg Madigan's yard on Upton road three weeks ago! She had set it outside in the sun to bleach it and it came up missing. (Maybe someone thought it was garbage?) If you know the whereabouts of this white antique lampshade, with sentimental value, there is a \$5 reward! Thank you.

There have been four bears tagged at Mills Market on opening week.

The Service Circle starts up their meetings tonight, after taking a break for the summer months.

Last Wednesday morning there was a very young moose wandering around town, from the town garage, Martin's garage, Mills Market and the fire station. It was the second day that it had been seen in town. The warden thinks that something must have happened to its mother and doubted that it will be OK on its own. We haven't seen it since though.

6 Who Care Awards has listed Sharon Hutchins of Andover, among others, as an outstanding volunteer in her community. See the story on Page 1 this week.

Have a nice weekend.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting on Sept. 11 with a 6:30 p.m. pot-luck supper and a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall.

East Bethel Church will have a service on Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. with Ben Conant doing the service. There will be refreshments after the service.

Alder River Grange will have a public supper on Sept. 19. The menu will be baked ham and beans with salads and desserts. The supper is at

5 p.m. and cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for under 13.

Also on the 19th there will be a barn tour of Bethel barns, and I believe there are two in East Bethel that will be open.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Upton



by Laurie Brown
Bob Thompson from Hampton, N.H., spent most of the week at his camp on Back Street.

An old-fashioned box social will be held at the Ladies Aid Building on Sept. 12 following a "goods and service" auction. Hope the place is full! If you need more info, call me at 533-2111 or e-mail me at lauriebrown400@gmail.com.

The deadline for entering a design designating Upton's birthday is Sept. 10.

I miss the Chapmans being in Upton. Andover's location, size, school, library, activities, stores and other services, and townspeople all contribute to making it a superb place to live and raise a family (in my opinion). I hope that Mike, Regine, Caleb and Abbie enjoy their home there and come to share my opinion of the

community.

According to the 2010 Farmer's Almanac, there are 670,000 U.S. homes without indoor plumbing. I was properly surprised when I first read that tidbit. Then, I wondered how many homes are there in the US that do have indoor plumbing? Maybe the percentage without is extremely low.

Eighteen of us went to the Seadogs game in Portland. Most of us were hoping the Seadogs would beat the NH Fishercats (AA team for the Toronto Blue Jays), but they didn't. It was a fun day, though and we had great seats.

Larry and Elsie Bonney of Bethel visited friends in south Upton on Sunday.

Hope you enjoyed your Labor Day weekend. Selah

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington
I stopped at Norm Davis' farm stand this week for corn and deli-

cious cucumbers. I could see the size of some of the squash in his garden, which does get lots of sunshine.

On Friday Bizz Carignan and relatives Cindy and Brian Flaherty of Saco stopped in for a visit after going to Wild River in Gilead. We had a very brief visit and they headed back to their summer homes at Roxbury Pond. On Saturday Mark and I went over to the Pond to visit with Saul, Johan, their son, Philip, from Concord, N.H., and their daughter, Rebecca and Brian Dunton from Lafayette, who were staying for the weekend.

Sunday I stopped at the Bear River Trading Post on my way home from Bethel. Debby told me that as of the 5th 27 bear had been tagged. The BRTF painting is finished and looks just great with a large sign facing Route 2.

I also drove up to see Bea Lowell and had another pleasant visit with her. I still haven't met their daughter, Mary Ennis, who was over to her new house lot clearing land with her dad.

The Barrys were here this weekend from Cape Cod, Mass., but I did not get to see them.

Also here from Rhode Island are the MacAlisters, who I waved to as I drove past their home.

Sunday night the music from the Dietemeyers' annual end-of-the-season cookout was very pleasant to listen to at my home, which is about three miles away.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
The East Andover Community Club will meet on

Monday for their annual restaurant meeting. We are meeting at a restaurant in Bethel, and promise to eat only food that is healthy, oh yeah!

Former Andover resident and current Bethel resident Winona Myshall Stecher is back home after spending time in Stephens Memorial Hospital and Maine Medical recovering from a heart problem. Cards would be nice.

This Sunday, Sept. 13, is Rally Day at the Calvary Bible Church. The fun will start at 9:30. Winter hours including Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship at 10:15, will start

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Margaret and Edwin Simmons from Prince Edward Island, Canada are visiting family in the area. They are staying with Norma and Freeman Farrington.

Last Sunday, friends and family hosted a bridal shower for former East Andover resident Mandy Davis and her fiancé Jeff Mayer. The shower was at the home of Bette and Foster Davis. Jeff's parents, Ed and Audrey Mayer from Somers, Conn., were able to attend. The happy couple will be married on Oct. 3 in Bar Harbor.

I hope that everyone had a great Labor Day vacation and are now ready to go back to work and school.

If you have any news that you would like to see in my column, please call me at 392-2394, and I will be glad to include it.

See ya.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

To set things straight once again, last week we told you about the Fall Foliage River Run Festival. It was scheduled for Oct. 10 and involved a trip on the Androscoggin River from Hanover to Rumford. Due to undisclosed reasons the River Valley Chamber of Commerce canceled the Fall Foliage River Run Festival. The events sponsored by Gardner Roberts Memorial Library for Oct. 10 will continue as planned. Included will be bake, book and yard sales. Ongoing is a bottle drive to benefit the library.

The Rumford Grange 115 is having a public supper on Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Grange Hall in Rumford Center. The menu will feature meat loaf and will be served from noon until 1:30 p.m. As always a great meal, and only \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

The Hanover Planning Board met on Sept. 2 for their monthly meeting. Also attending was the Hanover Select Board, who brought a citizen's complaint to continue discussion from their Aug. 18 meeting. The Planning Board also made a site visit to a Howard Pond Road property to discuss plans for a new house planned for next year within the shoreland zone. It was reported that another permit for a new house has been



COLOR RETURNS TO YESTERYEAR—Owner Doug Webster recently repainted the Bear River Trading Post at Newry Corner. The white building returned to the red color that longtime residents may remember from the 1950s. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

issued at the Hanover Pines subdivision. It will be the fifth new house in that development this year.

Tomorrow, Sept. 11, the Town Office will be closed all morning and will hopefully open around noon. This will provide the office staff an educational opportunity.

Everyone enjoyed beautiful sunny weather over the Labor Day weekend. Comfortable daytime temperatures provided the opportunity for outdoor activities be it swimming, boating, yard work or picking blackberries. Nighttimes are cooling off with a few folks reporting early morning frosts. We really deserve a nice stretch of weather after enduring the rainy summer of 2009.

In local Knights of Pythias news, Cabot Lodge in Andover resumed weekly meetings on Monday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. and Hiawasse Lodge in East Stoneham will host an official visit on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday weekend. We certainly had some good weather for it. Summer seemed to save the best for the last; but, if everyone had such

poor luck with their gardens as I did with my tomatoes, food will be pretty scarce this winter! The plants grew long and leggy but yielded very little fruit, and tomatoes usually are very prolific.

Our pastor, Justin Thacker, decided to take an impromptu trip to his folks' home in Maryland to surprise his sister on her 40th birthday, so Crystal Lake will be giving the message this Sunday. We have four lay speakers in our church and Pastor tries to use each in turn. Luckily, Debbie Brown is feeling better so as to lead the worship because the Pastor's wife does it when Debbie is not able. The two other people who would be qualified to do it are not feeling too well at the moment. Dot Chopping has been undergoing tests to determine why she is in so much pain. She and her husband have a place up in the county they usually go to on long weekends but she didn't really feel like making the trip so you know she isn't up to snuff!

My daughter-in-law, Lorene, is still at her mother's while Laura recuperates from pneumonia. Laura is quite a bit better but hasn't been able to get home due to transportation problems. We still have to get a new tire on Ralph's car, as he ran over a nail and shredded one of the tires. There again we are sort of stymied, as he had no spare and had to get the wheel off and then find some way to get

the wheel somewhere to get a new tire put on. It is odd how small problems can end up being such big ones.

I have been reading with interest about the wind farm they want to put in Dixfield but could not find where they said why they want to put one there. The reason I wanted to know was that they put one up near Easton where my daughter, Marcia, lives with the premise that it would lower their power bills. So far, the only thing that has happened is the bills went up because they needed more money to help pay for it and the power that is generated from it goes to Canada and Massachusetts. So if they are putting one in Dixfield to lower power bills there, they had better be careful that they get a binding contract and don't rely on assurances that things will go as planned.

If, on the other hand, they are willing to put up with the farm so to supply power to other places more power to them, no pun intended!

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

It has been a very busy time with a lot to do and little time to do it. Saturday Anita and I joined

in with the family for niece Sarah's wedding. Sarah Hakala and Zack Thompson were united Saturday afternoon at the Titcomb Ski area. It was a beautiful afternoon for an outside wedding. The reception was very good with plenty of good food and drink for all. Plus the hugs and kisses from all the nieces are always good.

Brother Steve picked up the new Kenworth tractor Saturday morning. Boss told him to drive it just like he stole it.

But Steve will be headed up the mountainside across from the Branch Road in Newry for the first trip. And have to be pushed up because it is so steep.

At Post 68's meeting last Thursday, we and the Auxiliary decided to have a potluck supper before the meeting on the first Thursday meeting of the month. So we'll have more info available shortly.

This ought to be a good time to get together and then have our meetings after. Also, we voted to rearrange our Scholarship account. Called the bank Friday morning and Robin got us on the right track. And hopefully we will have a very good amount come next spring.

And there ought to be law against these mornings that are in the 30s already!

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Program at the Whitman Memorial Library on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m., is Marjorie Ferguson of Otisfield and her dog, Sam. Ferguson is a Tester for Therapy Dogs. She will be talking about the program and her work. Alta Pierce, West Paris and her dog, Fritz, will also be guests. Alta will talk about Fritz and visits at a local nursing home where Fritz entertains nurses and residents. All are welcome, no charge and light refreshments.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 5:30 youth group and 6:30 prayer meeting. On Sept. 13 missionary Jennie Blaisdell will present her work in the Philippines where she has been on the Island of Mindamo for 28 years. This is at the evening service.

Judith Grover tent 17 will meet at Sally Sawyer's on Monday, Sept. 14 for a picnic meeting and flag-retiring ceremony. Please bring a drink, salad or dessert to share.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Annex. Program is American History through the kitchen door. Bag lunch.

If you would like to attend the Ladies Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9 a.m., please call Beth Hoover at 665-2171 and let her know by Sept. 21. This is at Crossstone Restaurant. I am not sure what the program is this month.

Historical Society

In November the Historical Society will celebrate their 30th year. It would be a perfect time to join. Please consider it; also come and see the many exhibits donated in the first 30 years.

The Waterhouse family has given a baseball uniform to the society. Ronald Willard gave two framed pictures. Much thanks to both of them. Curator Larry has put three books in the museum.

The exhibits need to be preserved for posterity. You can help make this possible. The Historical Society Museum can always use support. Why not make a monetary donation? Paul Billings is treasurer.

Meetings are the second Saturday of the month starting with a 6 p.m. potluck supper.

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Program in September is a DVD from Hattie Kneeland, missionary. Sept. 12 is meeting date.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

September has come and the days have been beautiful. It is my kind of weather, sunny, with a pleasant breeze and not too hot. Who could ask for more? Many of us could go for this weather all summer, but we have to allow a few hot days for swimmers and other summer people, not to mention the gardeners.

Speaking of gardens, ours is on its last legs. I picked the tomatoes to dry in bags to avoid the frost. It was not a good tomato year for us. The potatoes, in their buckets, should be ready for harvest. David tried the bucket method this year and has had mixed success, but that is the kind of garden year it has been. I get more zucchini and yellow squash and hopefully the corn will all ripen well. We love our corn.

This week we had several visitors. Friend Howie was up and helped with wood and whatever else he could. He and Dave cut up a lot of wood that needed to be processed before it rotted. Then my cousins came and we had a great visit. They also live in Massachusetts. It was good to see all of them.

We have not had our planned yard sale. Maybe this weekend. We both had to work last weekend.

Saturday, the 12th, there is an Alan's community garden meeting at the Norway Grande from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. I for one am curious to see how they made out with the garden. Hopefully I won't have to work that day.

Thursday, the 10th, there is an ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) meeting at the Waterford Library from 7 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

This is yard sale season so keep a watch out for good ones. Albany Improvement Association's Fall Yard Sale will be Saturday, the 12th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albany Town Hall on Hunt's Corner Road. No early birds.

Sunday, the 13th, there is

a CROP walk in Bethel. It is three miles around the Bethel Village and is to raise money and awareness for the church world service. Two percent will go to the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Walk starts at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street. FMI call Chris Trefethen at 836-2164 or Jane Chandler at 665-2264.

Time to take out our air conditioners and get ready for plastic on the windows. Not quite actually, I prefer to wait until it's actually cold to do that. But the air conditioners can go. I only actually use them occasionally in the heat of August and sometimes in July. Now it is the most beautiful time of the year and we can all enjoy it while it is here.

That is all for this week. Have a great week.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. We hope everyone had

a thoroughly enjoyable and long weekend! We took the boys to the Wild Animal Park in Gray and then to Range Pond Beach on Saturday for some family time. We all had a great time — the day was perfect for being outdoors.

But, it's back to the grind today — school for the youngsters, work for us old folk.

The cooler nights are such a clear reminder that winter is on its way. I am still not quite ready, mentally, physically, spiritually, for this. The summer just seemed too short, with all the rain and non-sunny days. Our gardens have really hurt from that, too, and others' gardens have.

The Albany Church had its final supper of the season last Thursday, and they pulled in about \$950 between the supper and raffles. This money goes to the Albany Scholarship Fund given out to college-bound students every year. This, along with the money the Ladies Circle donated, is going to help a lot of Albany students when they begin their challenge at college.

If you have good, saleable stuff to donate to the Albany Improvement Association, give Buzzie Lapham a call at 824-2568. I haven't heard yet



DBA: Hot Taco

Hot Taco opened recently on Mechanic Street in Bethel, across from NAPA Auto Parts. Zach Bailey and Sarah Baran offer tacos, burritos, quesadilla and Eli and Red Bull products. Service is sit-down or takeout. Bailey is a former cook at Cho Sun Restaurant, and Baran is a bartender at Sunday River's Foggy Goggle. Lunch is served Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and dinner Wednesday-Saturday 5 to 10 p.m. For those with midnight munchies, there are additional Friday-Saturday hours from midnight to 1 a.m. (381-6001).

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

when their sale is, but I would assume it will be coming up shortly. We still have stuff, too, but haven't had a chance to dig it out. So, we have to get on the ball as well!

The Bartons have their veggie stand open; I've noticed potatoes and zucchini out there.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

From Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps

September is Emergency Preparedness Month and the Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps would like to remind you to have supplies and a plan ready for what may come our way.

The Oxford County Medical Reserve Corps is a group of community volunteers who train to assist healthcare systems when they become overwhelmed. They help with mass vaccination clinics, alternate medical care sites and special needs populations during major emergencies. The team needs volunteers in all areas including clerical,

medical, mental health and support functions. No clinical training is required, but persons with prior training are encouraged to participate. Teams are being developed throughout Oxford County and your help is needed to assure that your family, friends and neighbors have the care that they need in times of community crisis. Visit OxfordCountyMRC.org or call 357-3468 for more information on this vital program. Together we can build a strong, resilient and prepared community.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. MRC is a partner program of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and

utilize volunteers — medical professionals and others — who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, including interpreters, chaplains, office workers and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.

From Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

What do delicious Maine baked potatoes, mouth-watering chowders, chainsaw carving, local music, free horse-drawn wagon rides, fly-tying and casting, historical barn tours, apple picking, and arts and crafts have in common? They are all facets in the gem of the 12th

Annual Bethel Harvest Fest & Chowdah Cook-off to take place on Saturday, Sept. 19!

The 2009 Little Miss Potato Blossom Queen, Taylor Hedrich, will be holding court at the Sunday River Farms LLC booth, where complimentary bags of potato chips, Maine Potato Board recipes, and coloring books will be distributed.

For the first time, "home chefs" are invited to make their favorite chowdah and bring it to the Chowdah Fest. What is required is seven gallons of chowdah and the willingness to participate and serve to our appreciative public. Those non-commercial chowdahs will be entered into the People's Choice judging. Up to a dozen area restaurants will also be competing for that award, along with the coveted "Chowdah Pot," awarded to the judges' choice for the best chowdah of the competition. Home bakers are invited to enter the Apple Pie Contest. Traditional and non-traditional apple pies will be judged in the amateur division.

The Bethel Area will be adorned in the harvest spirit. The annual scarecrow theme is "Celebrating our agricultural heritage — farm to table."

The entire weekend is filled with events for all to enjoy. The Bethel Historical Society, the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance and many of our area businesses have something to offer.

For a full calendar of events, check out www.bethelmaine.com and click on the 12th Annual Bethel Harvest Fest under Featured Events.

From Maine Handicapped Skiing

This weekend, nineteen military veterans and active duty personnel with physical disabilities from throughout the nation will participate in the Veterans/No Boundaries summer fishing and sports camp. The third annual program will take place Sept. 11-13, at Camp Caribou in Winslow. Veterans and servicemen and women will participate in a variety of activities including fly fishing, golf, cycling, martial arts, shooting and climbing. For each activity, specialized

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Veterans/No Boundaries is a specialized program of Maine Handicapped Skiing, the state's largest adaptive recreation program for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Of the nineteen participants in this year's summer program, eleven are residents of Maine. Another eight participants, as well as several family members, are being flown in from California, Washington, Texas, Illinois, Virginia and New York to participate in the event. As with all MHS programs, Veterans/No Boundaries is free to all participants.

Since the program was founded in 2004, this has been made possible through the generosity of various donors and sponsors, as well as by the efforts of dozens of volunteer instructors, guides and medical attendants.

Several businesses and organizations have provided significant funding to make travel to Maine possible at no charge to veterans and service members attending from away. Airfare has been provided this year as part of long-term program funding by Bath Iron Works, as well as a national collaboration between the Wounded Warriors Project and Disabled Sports/USA. Both of these funding sources have been instrumental to the Veterans/No Boundaries program since it was founded five years ago.

In addition to financial support, several local businesses and groups have donated integral in-kind support to make this year's program and travel possible. Sunday River, a founding sponsor of Maine Handicapped Skiing, will provide free shuttle service to and from the Portland Jetport and Camp Caribou. Emery Travel of Westbrook volunteered their services to arrange and book flights. During the program itself, the Parrothead Club of Northern New England will provide evening entertainment and Mrs. Cathy Cohen of Falmouth will donate 80



LITTLE MISS POTATO BLOSSOM—Taylor Hedrich, 2009 Little Miss Potato Blossom Queen, will be holding court at the Sunday River Farms LLC booth at the annual Harvest Fest in Bethel Sept. 19. Complimentary bags of potato chips, Maine Potato Board recipes, and coloring books will be distributed.

(Photo provided by Jen Hedrich)

lobsters for the participants and their families, as well as the program's volunteers and staff.

For more information about Veterans/No Boundaries and other Maine Handicapped Skiing programs, please visit the organization's website at www.skimhs.org. Members of the media are welcome to visit the program this weekend, and are asked to make

arrangements for doing so by contacting Eric Topper, MHS director of Outreach, at (207) 415-9108 or etopper@skimhs.org.

From **Maine Veterans' Home**

On Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m., Maine Veterans' Home

on 477 High Street in South Paris will host a POW/MIA program in the facility.

Joel Dutton, administrator, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The posting of the Colors will be executed by Mechanic Falls Post 150. Joseph Cooney, chairman of Western Maine Veterans' Advisory Committee will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and The Reverend Melvin

Young will do the invocation. Hugh Daley, Sgt. of Arms, Dixfield Post 100 will do the traditional "Setting of the Table" ceremony and explain the history of this. This will be followed by a reading of the names of each POW/MIA in the state of Maine by Gil Turner, chaplain, South Paris Post 72. Frank Johnston will lead the group in his rendition of the National Anthem and close with God Bless America. At the closing of the ceremony, refreshments will be served and tours of the facility will be available.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this symbolic and informative program.

From **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club**

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday in the Fare Share building, Main Street, Norway at 9:15 a.m. A 4 and 1/2 table Howell movement was enjoyed.

Finishing first in flight A were Linda Smith and Jack Neal who were also first in flight B. Second in flight A were Priscilla Rooth and Haziel Glazier who were also second in flight B.

Finishing third in flight A were Jim Dickens and Pete Cummings. Finishing third in flight B were Suzanne Andrews and Richard Worthington.

Next Friday there will be another game same time and place; a partner is always guaranteed. For information call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153 or e-mail at buzzell16@myfairpoint.net.

All bridge players are cordially invited.

From **Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center**

Historian Thomas Desjardin, currently Historic Site Specialist with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, will be the featured speaker on the topic of Oxford County

and the Civil War at the 43rd annual meeting of the Bethel Historical Society on Thursday, Sept. 10, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. A potluck supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a brief business meeting in which trustees and officers will be elected, a proposed change in the dues structure will be considered and presentations will be made for the Noll Volunteer Service Award, the Historic Preservation Award, and new Honorary Members.

The lecture will follow the business meeting and is free and open to all interested persons. It is sponsored in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

William Weston's Rumford Barn featured in Barn Tour

A massive barn owned by William Weston and located just below Rumford Point is being included in the Bethel Historical Society's 2009 Barn Tour to be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, in conjunction with the Bethel Chamber's Harvest Fest.

Situated on a hillside overlooking the Androscoggin, Weston's barn was built about 1880 by Waldo Pettengill, who carried on extensive farming operations here before becoming associated with Hugh Chisholm in the development of Rumford Falls as an industrial center. Recently restored by Mr. Weston, who purchased the property in 1967, the barn, with its outstanding cupola, is certain to be of particular interest to all those taking the tour.

The cost for the tour will be \$10 and tickets will be available at the society's O'Neil Robinson House (10 Broad Street) beginning at 9 a.m. on the day of the tour. The always popular event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of barns from various periods of history.

With over 1,100 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional

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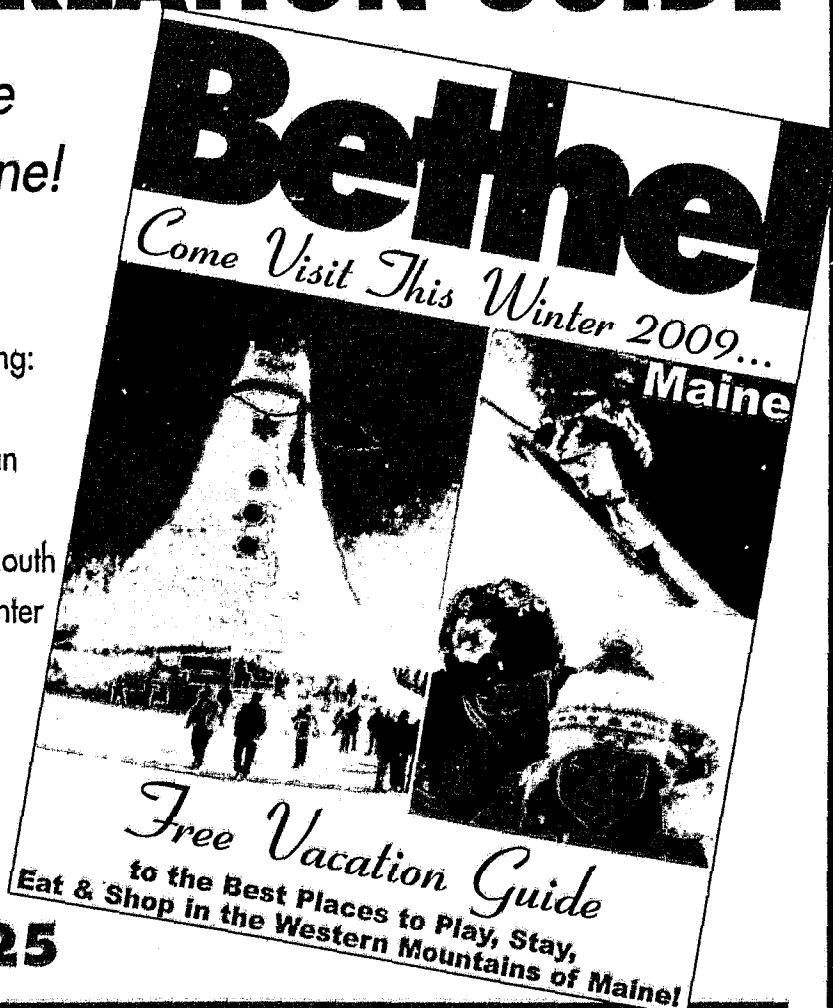
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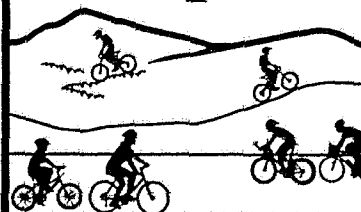
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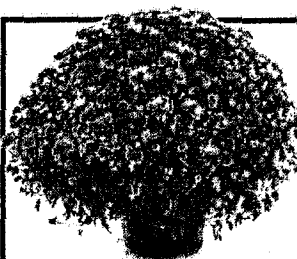


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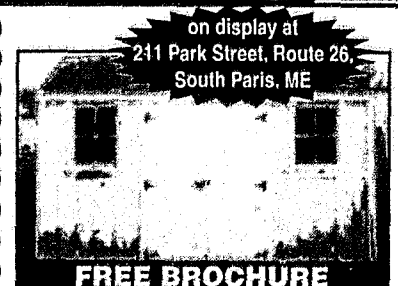
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From
**Northern Forest
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On Sunday, Oct. 4, Northern Forest Heritage Park, in Berlin, N.H., will present the 10th Annual Lumberjack Festival and Competition. The consistently popular Lumberjack Festival will feature fast and furious rivalry. There are over twenty competitors signed up to participate in all categories and more registrations are coming in. Donald Quigley, professor of forest technology in the Thompson School of Applied Science, has agreed to MC this festival once again. Keeping all of the competitors on track in the seven different events is quite a task. Don handles it all very professionally and his MC skills are sharp as an axe. Events such as Cross-Cut, Chainsaw, Underhand Chop, Two Person Log Rolling, Jack and Jill Crosscut and Axe Throwing competitions are sure to thrill one and all. If you are interested in competing in this event please give the folks at NFHP a call. There is still time to register.

Once again, children will have their own competition in the fun-filled Junior Log Rolling Championship. Staff at NFHP reminds parents that a change of clothes might come in handy because most of our Junior Log Rolling competitors like the water as much as rolling on the log.

NFHP added a new event this year and it will be held at the Lumberjack Festival as well. It is the Log Pool Fishing Derby. This is a children's event and is very popular. Kids have a ball trying to land their fish and cannot hide their excitement. Every fish wins a prize. Organizers at NFHP are sure your child will enjoy the fishing derby.

Two new events were added last year. These events were very popular and will be repeated at the Tenth Annual Lumberjack Festival & Competition. The events are: the Fry Pan Throwing Contest for the ladies and Log Tossing for the gentlemen. There will be a prize awarded for both events. Registrations for either event are open to

everyone at \$1 per throw or toss. People can enter as often as they want.

There will be vendors, displays, demonstrations, and children's games. Sarah Smith, State Forest Industry Specialist and Sam Stoddard, Extension Educator, Forest Resources from the UNH Cooperative Extension will be on hand with a variety of short presentations relevant to our forests. The Brown House Museum and Artisans Gift Shop, across the street from the park, will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For those who might enjoy a change of pace from the heat of the competitions, the highly praised Androscoggin River Boat Tours will be available for a leisurely, narrated ride on the beautiful and historic Androscoggin River. Boat Tours are always available at reduced rates during NFHP

festivals, and as is the Park's custom during the Park's festivals, children under 12 ride free as long as an adult accompanies them. As always our delicious Food Fair will offer mouth-watering hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, cotton candy, fried dough, ice cream and more.

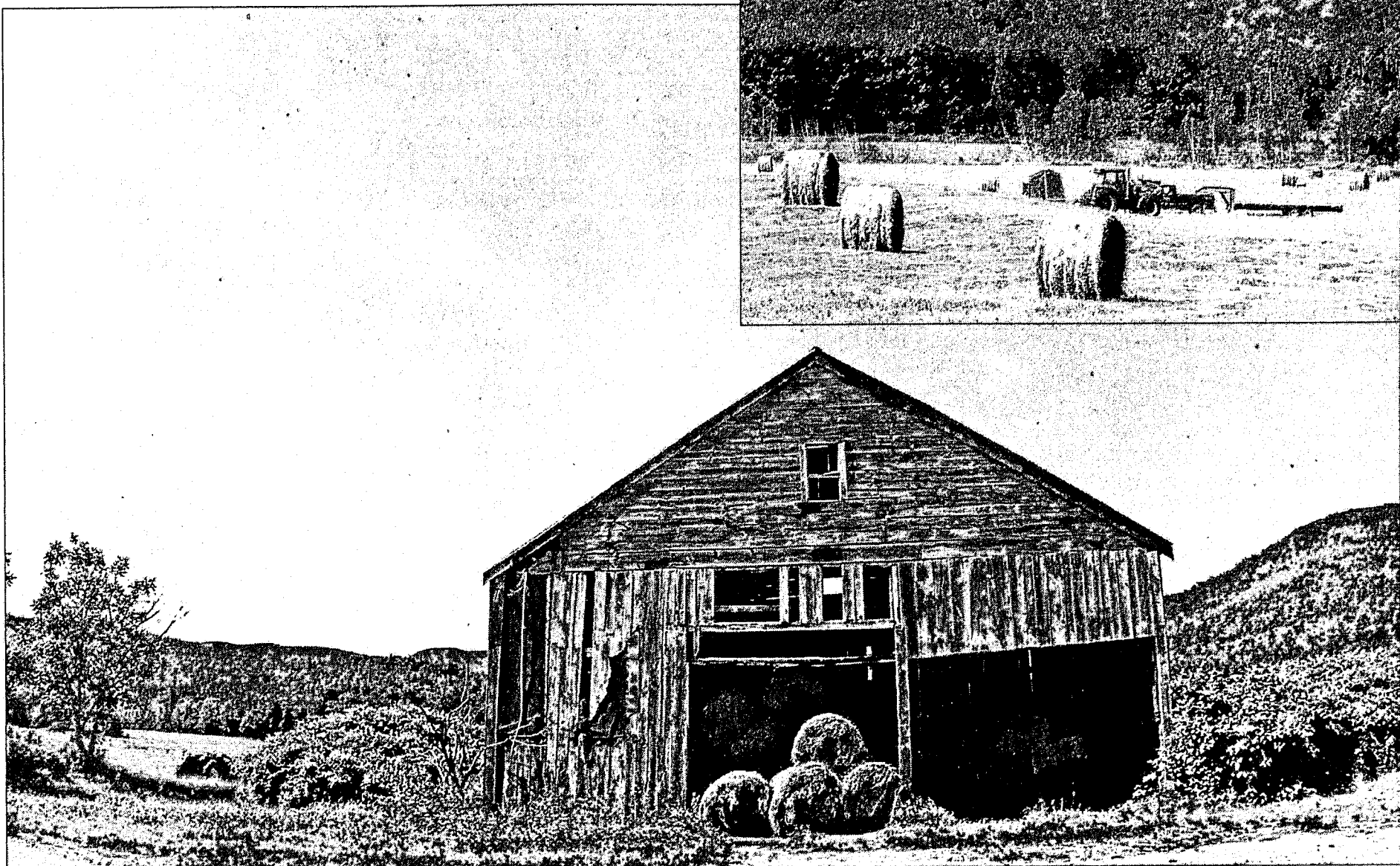
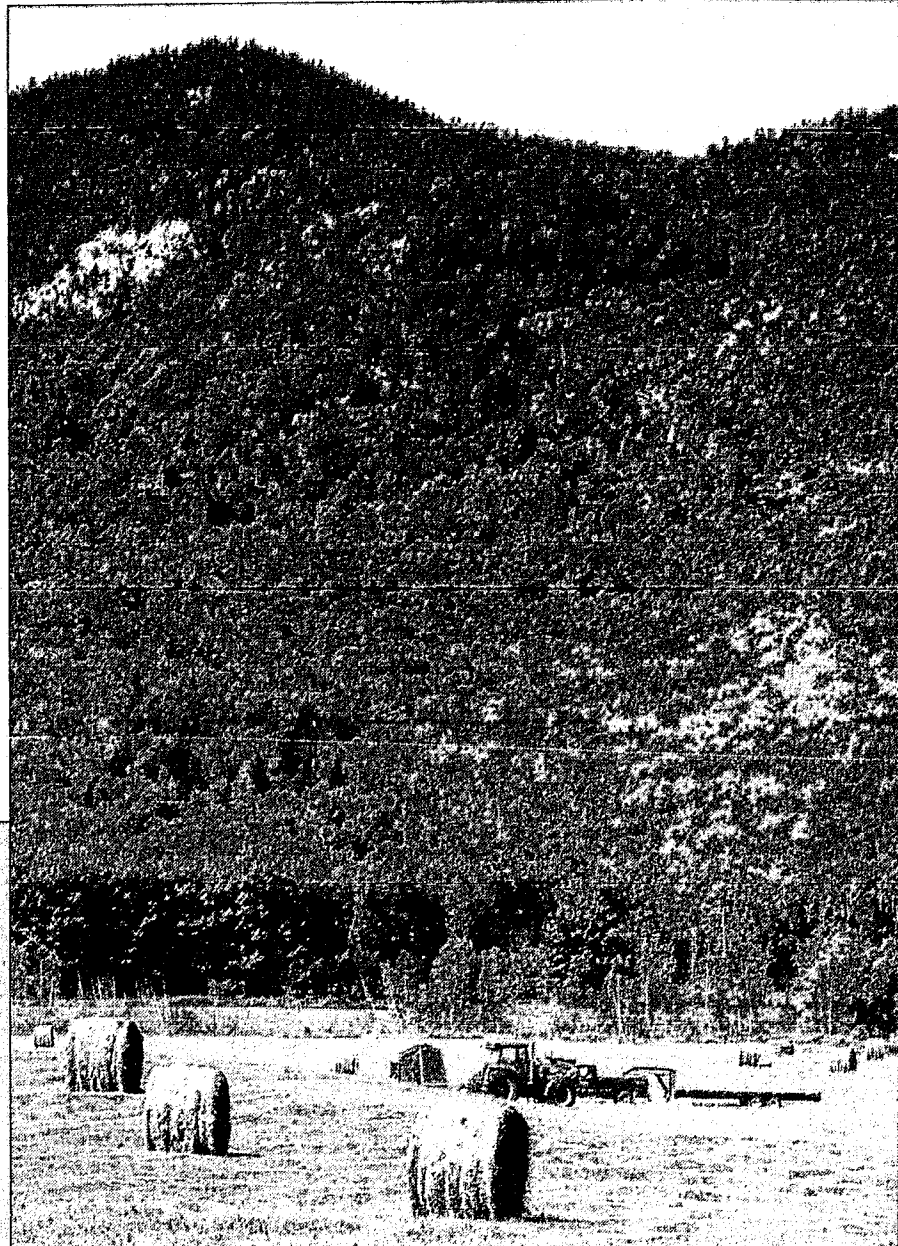
If you enjoy the thrill of rivalry and competition, as a spectator or contender, Northern Forest Heritage Park is the place you will want to be on Sunday Oct. 4 for the 10th Annual Lumberjack Festival and Competition. Gates will open at 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

For more information, call (603) 752-7202, e-mail heritage@ncia.net or visit www.northernforestheritage.org.

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Farmers trying to harvest a late-season hay crop finally got some cooperation from Mother Nature in August and September. June and July were wash-outs, but the last two weeks have seen nothing but sunshine. Right, rolls of hay in a field on the Flat Road in Bethel. Below, hay in Norm Davis' barn in Newry.

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Telstar High School Fall Sports Outlooks Soccer

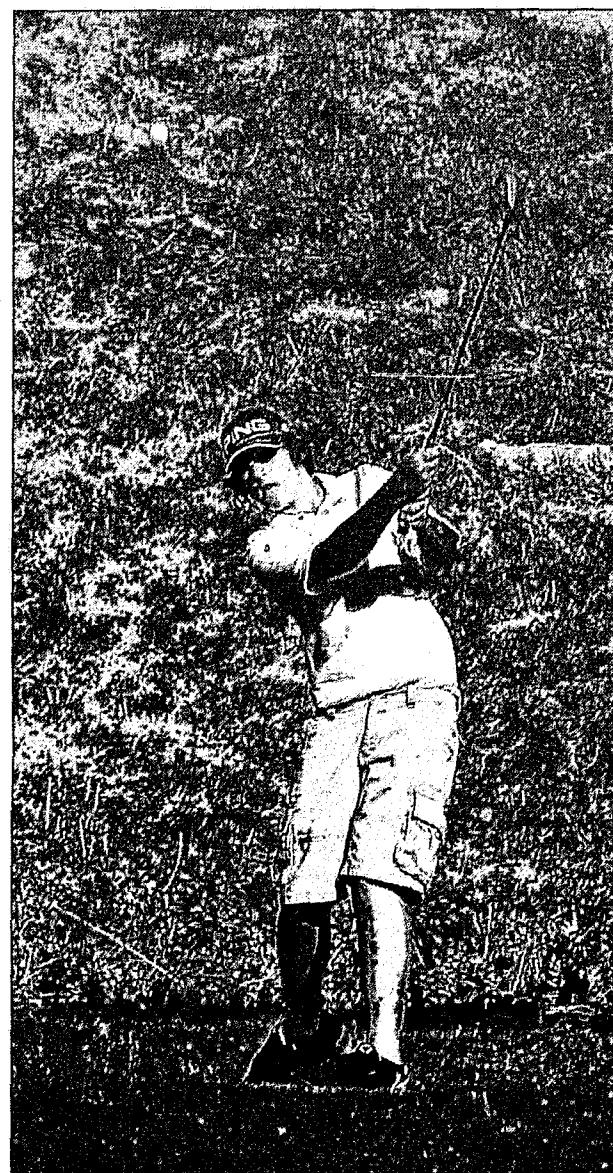
Returning players include senior captain Ethan Morin (forward); juniors Elek Pew (defense); Dan Vaughn (goalie); Josh Bellinger (defense); Dusty Bailey (midfielder/defense); sophomores Tyler Brown (midfielder/forward); Casey Thornton (midfielder/forward).

New players include juniors Nicena Walker (forward); Sthefania Soave (forward); Chodchuang Nanthasen (forward/midfielder); Michelle Roberts (defense); sophomores Randy Morin (midfielder); Katie Blaszcak (midfielder); Jacob Wakefield (forward); James Piccirilo (midfielder); Trent Bonney (defense/midfielder); freshmen Nick Mills (forward); Ricky James (goalie); Tyler James (midfielder); Rachael Wheeler (forward); and David Mason (defense).

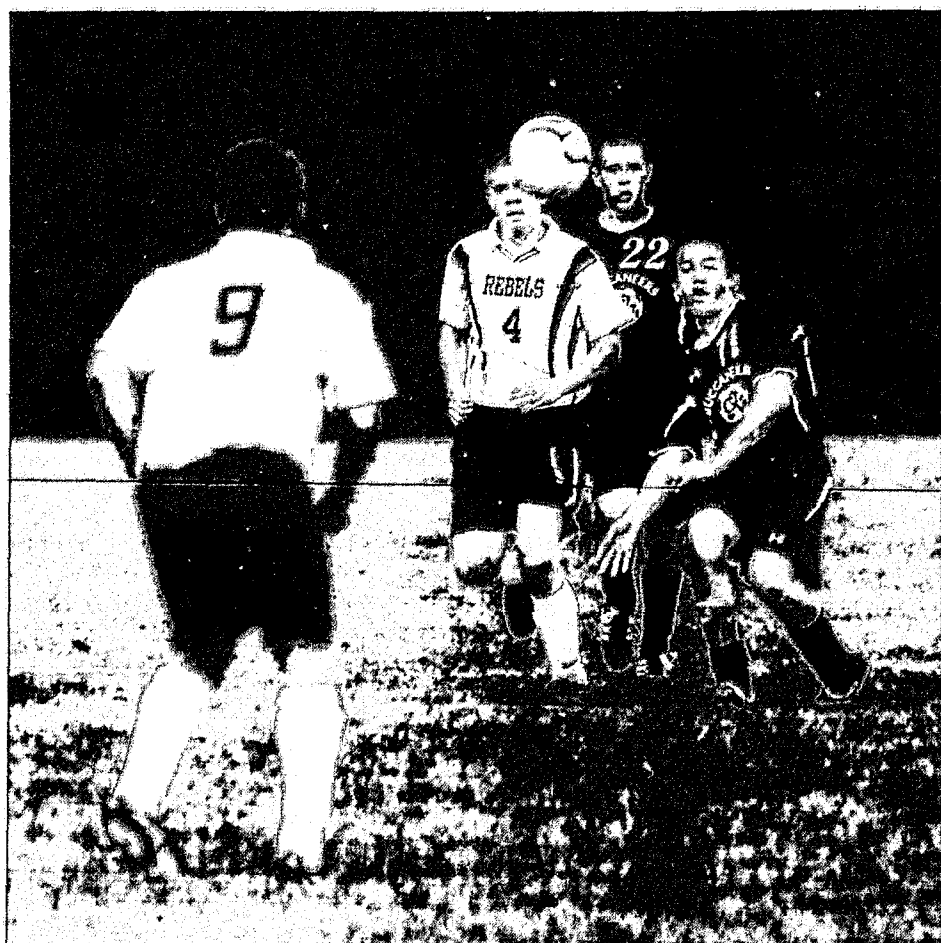
"The team graduated eight seniors from a year ago and also suffers two other losses from two senior leaders moving away, and another moving to a different sport," said Coach Tim Remington. "Needless to say, we are young with only one senior returner to lead the team. It is a rebuilding year and we look to improve throughout the entire year and have fun in the process."

Golf

The Rebels are led this year by senior Trevor Kendall playing in the number 1 slot, Coach Jim Lunney said. Sophomores Danny Whitney and Corey Howard are playing #2 and #3 as the season begins. Junior Josh Krahn, sophomores Anthony Dirago and Devin Vail are competing for the fourth and fifth positions. Sophomore newcomers Kyle Peterson and Cody Boivin and freshman Colton Davis are providing depth to the team. "With everyone back from last season, the Rebels hope to improve on their individual numbers and be more competitive within the conference," said Lunney.



TELSTAR GOLF AND SOCCER ACTION—Clockwise from top left: Anthony Dirago and Cody Boivin in a golf match against Livermore Falls; Casey Thornton (10) goes up for a header against a Georges Valley player; THS defender Elek Pew (6) kicks the ball away from a GV player; THS defender Randy Morin (9) waits for a ball headed by a GV player. Trent Bonney is #4. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Soccer

Dirigo 6, Telstar 1; Sept. 8—Telstar's lone senior, Ethan Morin, scored the Rebels' only goal in a loss to Dirigo. Goalie Dan Vaughn had 14 saves.

High School Varsity Field Hockey

Telstar 8, Lisbon 2; Sept. 8—Telstar goals: Wiley 2; Cowin 2; James, Steven, Merrill, Sumner, one each. Assists: Cowin 4; Wiley, Steven, one each. Goalie saves: Tibbetts 5. Telstar outshot Lisbon, 28-5.

High School J.V. Football

THS gets first win

Telstar 12, Livermore Falls 6; Sept. 7—The Telstar Regional High School football team, made history by defeating Livermore Falls 12-6. The win is the first win after re-establishing football at the school four years ago. Seth Shimamura started the scoring by picking up a fumble and running 60 yards for the first touchdown. Dominic Haines ran a bootleg, late in the game, 70 yards for the second touchdown of the game. The Telstar defense came up strong with 2 red zone stops in the second half. Mike Fitzmorris made 18 tackles for the team. Great job team. Be proud and thank you for making history. —Coach Tim O'Connor

High School Golf

Winthrop 6½, Telstar½; Sept. 8—Telstar lost to a strong Winthrop team. Kyle Peterson tied his match. Anthony Dirago beat his opponent, as did Devin Vail. Devin was the low scorer for the Rebels, with a round of 47. Telstar is now 2-2 on the season.— Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 5, Livermore Falls 2; Sept. 3—Telstar's Danny Whitney, Corey Howard, and Kyle Peterson won their matches and the Telstar team won the medal by a 192-198 score. Danny Whitney was the medalist for the match with a 45. Devin Vail tied his match and Anthony Dirago also won.

School Lunch

Week of Sept. 14

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, salsa, sour cream. Pizza choices. Hot sandwich choices.
Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar, Cook's choice, potato salad. Pizza choices. Hot sandwich choices.
Wednesday: Make your own sandwich bar. American chop suey w/locally raised beef, garlic bread. Pizza choices. Hot sandwich choices.
Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar, hot turkey sandwich w/sliced turkey, peas, applesauce, cranberry sauce. Pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.
Friday: Beefy nachos w/cheese sauce. Locally grown corn on the cob, chilled peaches. Hot sandwich choices.
Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken fajita, Mexican rice, salsa, sour cream. PB&J uncrustable.
Tuesday: Italian sandwich/wheat roll, potato salad. PB&J uncrustable.
Wednesday: American chop suey w/locally grown beef, garlic bread, green beans. PB&J uncrustable.
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich w/sliced turkey, peas, cranberry sauce, apple crisp. BBQ rib/bun. PB&J uncrustable.
Friday: Pizza choices, veggies and dip, chilled peaches. PB&J uncrustable.
Fruit and veggie bar daily (4 servings of fruit and and vegetables).



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Events Calendar

9 a.m. to Noon - **Bethel Farmers Market**, every Saturday through Oct. 31 at Norway Savings Bank (Route 2 and Parkway). Locally grown and fresh: produce, beef, pork, poultry, breads, pies and other baked goods.

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz2116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

At Harvest Gold Gallery

Jean Swan Gordon, Brunswick, brings her 'Joie de Vivre' to Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, Maine.

Thursday, Sept. 10

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker will be Marjorie Ferguson, Otisfield, on Tester for Therapy Dogs, Inc., and her dog, Sam. Alta Pierce of West Paris and her therapy dog, Fritz, also guests. Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments served.

2:25 p.m. - **Bethel Skatepark Committee** bi-weekly meetings start at Telstar, room 116. Agenda: fundraising, landscape day, and opening day celebration. Public welcome. FMI or if unable to be at meeting but wish to be involved: call Nancy Babcock (824-2115) or Janet Bartlett (824-2250).

6:30 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society's 43rd Annual Meeting** with potluck supper (baked chicken breast with members to bring casserole, salad or dessert) in the Meeting Room of Dr. Moses Mason House followed by a brief annual meeting, Lewiston native Thomas Desjardin, Historic Site Specialist with Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands and a Civil War scholar, featured speaker. FMI: call 824-2908.

6:30 p.m. - **At McLaughlin Garden**, South Paris. Jerry Mayfield of Sahaja Meditation will provide a free-guided meditation. FMI: visit www.mclaughlin.garden.org or call 743-8820.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Huge Yard Sale** at 659 Park Street (Route 26), South Paris at Family Counseling Service Office. Early Bird Special Friday 3 to 7 p.m. (admission: \$1). Clothes, toys, kids furniture, collectables, household items. FMI: 357-7072.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 11, 12, 13

Ladies Weekend Retreat. Trails and camping with a horse. FMI: visit www.deepwoodfarm.com or call 824-2595.

Third annual Veterans/No Boundaries summer fishing and sports camp at Camp Caribou in Winslow, a program of Maine Handicapped Skiing. FMI: visit www.skimhs.org.

Saturday, Sept. 12

8 to 12 a.m. - **Yard Sale** by Greenwood Historical Society at Historical building, Main Street, Locke Mills. Tables for rent \$5. Contact Denise Swan at 875-2102.

8 a.m. to 12 noon - **Yard Sale** (last sale of season) at Plummer Hill (next to church) in Waterford. Proceeds benefit building maintenance fund. Roll a die and get anywhere from 5 to 50 percent off purchases of \$5 or more. FMI: call Karen at 583-2320.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Albany Improvement Association's Fall Yard Sale** at Albany Town House, Hunt's Corner Road. No early birds.

11 a.m. - **At McLaughlin Garden**, South Paris: David Neufeld of North Star Ironworks will set up his portable brick pizza and bread oven and invites community to learn more about how to build a brick oven as well as made-to-order fresh pizza for a small fee. FMI: visit www.mclaughlin.garden.org or call 743-8820.

5 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner Benefit** with all proceeds for Kristen O'Connor's Team Maine Karate Tournament trip to Budapest, Hungary on Sept. 29, hosted by Frank Del Duca at Crossroad Diner, Bethel. Cost: \$6.99 pre-sale at Crossroads Diner or at Maine Kyokushin Karate. \$8.99 at door. O'Connor is from Andover, Maine. FMI: call 890-6724.

7:30 p.m. - **Karen Montanaro**, world-renowned mimedancer, will perform "Tranzspiel" at Lovell's Brick Church for the Performing Arts, Christian Hill Road (just off Route 5), Lovell Village. Tickets available at door: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. FMI: call 925-2792 or visit www.lovellbrickchurch.org.

Sunday, Sept. 13

CROP Hunger Walk in Bethel Area. Walk three miles around Bethel Village and raise money and awareness for the international work of Church World Service. 25 percent of proceeds will go to Good Shepherd Food Bank. Walk starts on Church Street at West Parish Congregational Church. Contact Chris Trefethen (836-2164) or Jane Chandler (665-2264) for more information.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** at Rumford Grange 115, Rumford Center. Menu features meatloaf. Cost: \$7 adults and \$3.50 children.

2 p.m. - **POW/MIA program** hosted by Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Public invited.

Sunday thru Saturday, Sept. 13-19

Oxford Fair & Expo.

Monday, Sept. 14

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW annual picnic and meeting at Sally Sawyer's. Bring salad, drink, chips, dessert to share. Hot dogs/hamburg provided. Flag retiring following. Anyone with a flag to be retired, call Alice at 665-2460 or Elsie Bonney at 875-3800.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Municipal Officers Association** meeting at Paris Fire Station, 187 Western Avenue, South Paris. Presentation regarding both Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and "TABOR II" citizen initiatives to be decided on Nov. 3. Refreshments provided. Public invited. FMI: visit www.memun.org click on Citizen Initiatives.

7 p.m. - **ACT V** will perform Rock and Pop music of the '60s, '60s and '70s at Oxford Fair & Expo at the Stage Area.

Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Ballroom Dance Class** at Greenwood Town

Hall. Donation: \$25. All proceeds go to Bethel Food Bank. FMI: call 665-2788.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

10:30 a.m. - **Woodstock Extension** meeting at Town Annex. Program: American History through the kitchen door. Bag lunch.

1 to 2 p.m. - **Nature Smart Craft Program Make and Take** at First Universalist Church, West Paris. Supplies provided to make a seashell wind chime or bring your own shells. Free and open to all ages.

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **"What's New in Joint Replacement Surgery"** by R. Reed Gramse, MD, Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon from Maine Orthopaedic Center, Norway, at Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel, presented as collaborative effort between MaineHealth Learning Resource, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, and To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel. Free. Light refreshments. Registration not required but preferred (call Chriss Hayden at 743-1562 ext. 289). FMI: call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053. www.wmhcc.org.

7 to 9 p.m. - **Alzheimer's Support Group** meeting at Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane, Rumford.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Clean-Up Day at Riverside Cemetery, North Road, Bethel.

Friday, Sept. 18

10:30 a.m. - **Oxford County Education Association-Retired** meeting at Bolsters Mills Methodist Church. Program: "A Matter of Balance" by Chris Hayden. If not on phone tree, call 743-7677 to reserve lunch.

5 to 6 p.m. - **Harvest Supper** at Lovell U.C.C., Route 5, Center Lovell. Menu: corned beef, cabbage, beets, carrots, potatoes, turnip, bread, pie, coffee, lemonade. Adults \$8, children under 12 \$4.

7 to 9 p.m. - **Holistic Approach to Influenza**, with Dr. Mary Bove and Kevin Pennell from SpiritWings, Bethel, at Telstar (please use front entrance). Free. Holistic approach and information on influenza including Swine Flu. FMI: call 824-2204.

Saturday, Sept. 19

12th Annual Bethel Harvest Fest & Chowdah Cook-off, sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Arts and Crafts festival on Bethel Common (few more vendor spaces available (824-2282). Scarecrow decorating by individuals on lawns, etc., Chowdah Cook-off, free horse-drawn wagon rides, entertainment on gazebo on common, woodcarving demo, Apple Pie Contest Under Andro Anglers Annual Two Fly Contest (6 a.m.). See website for registration, etc., Bethel Historical Society's official opening of "Sunday River, Mt. Abram and More! Celebrating the Ski Heritage of the Bethel Area," self-guided barn tours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$10 available at Bethel Historical Society), Chondola rides at Sunday River Resort, apple picking, alpaca farm visits, the UAAA Driftboat Competition at 10 a.m. Sunday.

9 to 11 a.m. - **SpiritWings Herbal Walkabout**. Join Dr. Mary Bove and Kevin Pennell for this fourth free herbal walkabout. Meet at SpiritWings (14 Main Street, Bethel at 8:45 a.m. Dress appropriately. Bring notebook and water to drink. FMI: 824-2204.

11 a.m. to noon - **Rick Charette**, singer/songwriter, will perform at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray (rain or shine). FMI: call 657-4977 or visit www.mainewildlifepark.com or mefishwildlife.com.

1 p.m. - **At McLaughlin Garden**, South Paris; Scott Vlaun of Moosepond Arts and Ecology and Kristin Perry, director of Horticulture at McLaughlin Garden will present workshop on Seed Saving Basics at Scott Vlaun's farm in Otisfield. Hands-on, fun and educational for all ages. FMI: visit www.mclaughlingarden.org or call 743-8820.

5 p.m. - **Public Supper** at Alder River Grange, East Bethel. Menu baked beans and ham, salads, desserts. \$7 for adults and \$3 for under 13.

Support Services

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays (Thanksgiving through April 1) at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 656-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Strafford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4081 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon, Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 9:30 10:30, with brunch to follow. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Belling. Pastor, Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs. 5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2203.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info 824-4928 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship. Child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-6590.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur 364 4556

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school year calendar FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Reazars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Izvigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m.,

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2631.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withers. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364 3881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time 10:00am-11:00am. Ski in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information 821 5636 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd Rt. 118 (watercorner Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4096 FMI or ride

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am. Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Crsula Brandon at 665-2800 or Sue Reilly at 868-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.: Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass. Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway 11am worship (Sept. June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons. Present in church. Special holidays will be announced. Some church at the rotary

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thayer. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road FMI call 824-4856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withers

SUMNER

East Summer Congregational Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris 4 a.m. worship Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2111

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Pre-school thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m. Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month, Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:00am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm. church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. - Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible study 8:30 p.m. Fridays: Youth Group 7:12h grade, 8:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9578). Saturday 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month. 7 p.m. All welcome

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI

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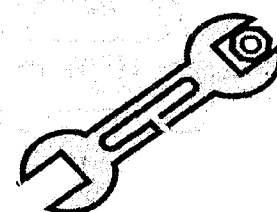
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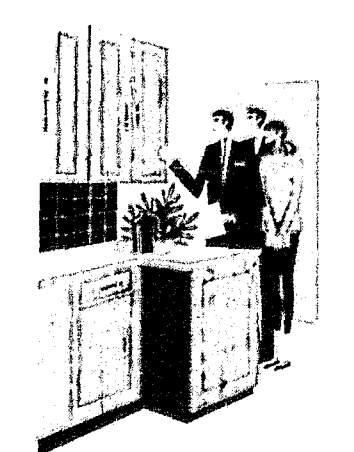


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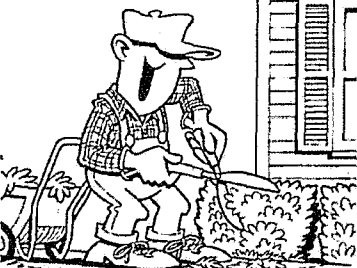
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Waterford Library

The Waterford Library, the Harrison Village Library and the North Bridgton Library have been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It," a free reading and discussion group with copies of books available through the libraries. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Center for the Book in cooperation with the Maine State library.

Not For Children Only offers an adult perspective on childhood favorites old and new and begins on Friday, Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. at the North

Bridgton Library, continuing for five sessions, through Nov. 6. The first and second sessions will meet at the North Bridgton Library, the third at the Waterford Library, and the last two at the Harrison Village Library.

Books to be read and discuss include "The Classic Fairy Tales" by Iona and Peter Opie; "Tatterhood" by Ethel Johnston Phelps; "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott; "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame and "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White.

The discussions will be facilitated by Michael Bachem, professor of Humanities Emeritus (Miami University, Ohio), now living in Portland. He earned a Ph.D. in German and Comparative Literature from Penn State, developed

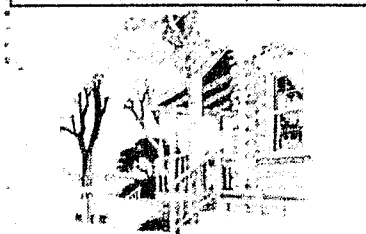
interdisciplinary courses in German Expressionism, European Romanticism, and the European fairy tale tradition. He trained as a facilitator with the Maine Humanities Council.

Books for the program are available for loan at the participating libraries. Please come in to register and to pick up the first book of the series. The Harrison Village Library is open Monday and Wednesday 1 to 7 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Waterford Library is open Monday 2 to 6 p.m., Wednesday 3 to 8, Friday 10 to 12 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the North Bridgton Library hours are Monday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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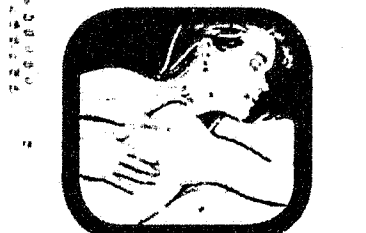


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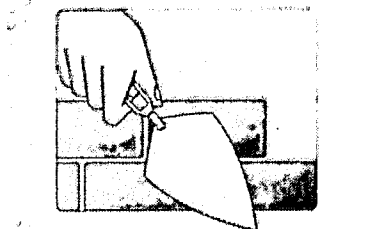
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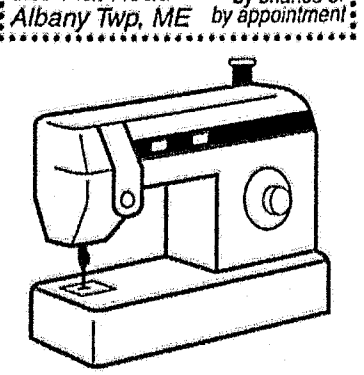


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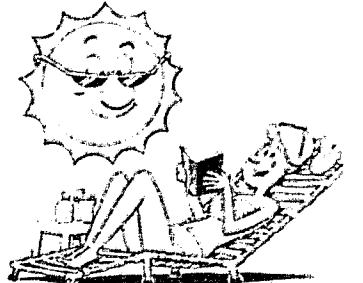
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Have a warmer winter with more money in your wallet



(ARA) - Winter's chill is supposed to take place outdoors, but too often drafty attics, fireplaces, windows and open vents let cold air into your home. This wastes energy and can cost you big money higher energy bills.

Drafts, such as those around doors, windows and pipes, are the largest source of heating and cooling loss in the home. Most homeowners are well aware of the benefits that caulk and weather-stripping provide to minimize energy loss and drafts.

But what can you do about drafts from the four largest "holes" in your home - the folding attic stair, the whole house fan, the fireplace and the clothes dryer? Here are some tips and techniques that can quickly, easily and inexpensively seal and insulate these holes:

Attic stairs

Installing attic stairs creates a large hole (approximately 10 square feet) in your ceiling. The ceiling and insulation that were there have to be removed, leaving only a thin, unsealed, sheet of plywood.

Often you can see a gap around the perimeter of the attic door. Try this yourself: at night, turn on the attic light and shut the attic stairway door - do you see any light coming through? If you do, heated and air-conditioned air is leaking out of these large gaps in your home 24-hours a day. This is like leaving a window or skylight open all year 'round.

An easy solution to this problem is to add an insulated attic stair cover. An attic stair cover seals the stairs, stopping drafts and energy loss. Add the desired amount of insulation over the cover to restore the insulation removed from the ceiling.

Whole house fans and air conditioning vents

Much like attic stairs above, installing a whole house fan creates a large hole (up to 16 square feet or larger) in your ceiling. The ceiling and insulation that were there have to be removed, leaving only the drafty ceiling shutter between you and the outdoors.

An easy, low-cost solution to this problem is to add a whole house fan shutter seal. Made from white textured flexible insulation, the shutter seal is installed over the ceiling shutter, secured with Velcro, and trimmed to fit. The shutter seal can also be used to seal and insulate air conditioning vents, and is easily removed when desired.

Fireplaces

Sixty-five percent, or over 100 million homes in North America are constructed with wood- or gas-burning fireplaces. Unfortunately one study has shown that an open damper on an unused fireplace in a well-insulated house can raise overall heating-energy consumption by 30 percent. Your heating bills may be more than \$500 higher per winter due to the drafts and wasted energy caused by fireplaces.

Even if the chimney damper is shut, it is not air-tight. Glass doors don't stop the drafts either. The fireplace is like a giant straw sucking your expensive heated or air-conditioned air right out of your house.

An easy, cost-efficient solution to this problem is to add a Fireplace Plug to your fireplace. Available from Battic Door, a company known for their energy conservation products, the Fireplace Plug is an inflatable pillow that seals the fireplace damper, eliminating drafts, odors, and noise. The pillow is removed whenever the fireplace is used, then reinserted after.

Clothes dryer exhaust ducts

In many homes, the room with the clothes dryer is the coldest room in the house. Your clothes dryer is connected to an exhaust duct that is open to the outdoors. In the winter, cold drafts in through the duct, through your dryer and into your house.

An easy, low-cost solution to this problem is to add a dryer vent seal. This will reduce unwanted drafts, and also keeps out pests, bees and rodents. The vent will remain closed unless the dryer is in use. When the dryer is in use, a floating shuttle rises to allow warm air.

Time & Materials

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When hiring a contractor (for smaller jobs) it is important to understand how they charge. As simple as this sounds, the fact is that there is no sure way to come out ahead.

For example, if you hire a contractor who works for a "job rate" there can be a certain comfort in knowing that the price for the work is fixed. But this isn't always the case. If and, almost always, when there is more work than expected a new "flat rate" is developed. The upside to this pricing system is that once the prices are negotiated there should be no additional charges. The downside is that contractors working for a job rate are almost always, present company included, worried about their costs during the job more than the job itself. The contractor can be rushed and forced to cut corners on the job. The only way to prevent being pushed too hard as a flat-rate contractor is to bid high enough to know that the work will take much less than you are charging. Bidding above what are the expected costs is the only way the contractor can protect himself.

When hiring by "time and materials" most homeowners flinch at the thought. I can tell you from experience that if the homeowner had hired me on T&M, as it is referred to, the bill would have been less expensive almost every job. The downside is that the homeowner must truly put their faith in the contractor and know that they work hard and keep good records. Most homeowners don't have that faith and that leads them to ask for a higher fixed rate. Pretty silly, huh?

Think about it: If a contractor wants to make \$55/hr for two men, then an eight-hour day is around \$500.00. But if he knows the job takes three days is he more likely to say he wants the \$55/hr or tell you it is going to be a week and try to finish in three days? The goal in any business is to produce as much work as possible, as fast as possible to maximize production and profit. When you hire by the day, or the hour, you can keep better records and control of costs, encourage the contractor to feel comfortable in taking his time to do his best work and showing the contractor you have faith he will do the right thing.

Now, I know many people say, "The contractor do the right thing?" But you shouldn't be hiring anyone you do not trust to enough work on a time and material basis anyway.

My point is that most homeowners think they are doing the smart thing by forcing the contractor to pick a price to do the work and holding him to it. In reality they are always paying an inflated rate that gives the contractor a little room to wiggle, and forcing the contractor to watch the clock and meet deadlines regardless of what he would have done given more time and money. When hiring your next home-improvement contractor ask them about a T&M process and how much they charge. If the quality and price are important to you then this method may prove to offer the best of both worlds.

Lower your energy costs with an insulated garage door

(ARA) - A leaky, un-insulated garage door may not be an obvious culprit in rising monthly utility bills, but it's worth a second look if you have an attached garage.



Replacing an older garage door with a new, energy-efficient model can reduce energy loss through the garage door by up to 71 percent, according to a comparison study conducted by Clopay engineers. "Since attached garages typically share one or two common walls with the house, any hot or cold that travels through a door will ultimately affect the adjacent living areas," says Mark Westerfield, director of product development for garage door manufacturer Clopay Building Products. "An insulated garage door can help stabilize temperatures in the garage to reduce heat losses or gains from common house walls."

Depending on the specifics of your home and attached garage construction, a well-insulated door can help keep your unheated garage 10 to 20 degrees warmer on a cold winter day. "That can have a significant impact on the comfort of family rooms or bedrooms located above or next to the garage," says Westerfield.

Homeowners who purchase an energy-efficient garage door now through Dec. 31, 2010, will not only save on their heating and cooling bills, they may qualify for up to \$1,500 in federal tax credits, thanks to the new stimulus legislation. Certain criteria apply. Visit www.clopay.com or call (800) 225-6729 for more information and a list of eligible models.

HELPFUL TIPS

More than 40 percent of the current housing stock was built prior to the era of energy efficiency, according to a report by The Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. If your garage door is a hold-over from the dark ages, here are some things to look for when making an upgrade:

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* **R-value or U-factor** these are measurements of the thermal efficiency of a door's insulation. The higher the R-value, or the lower the U-factor, the more energy-efficient the insulation.

* **Energy Tax Credit eligible** - available for garage doors with a minimum factor of 0.30 installed on a homeowner's primary residence.

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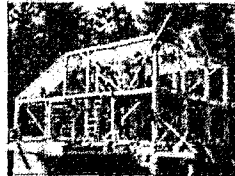
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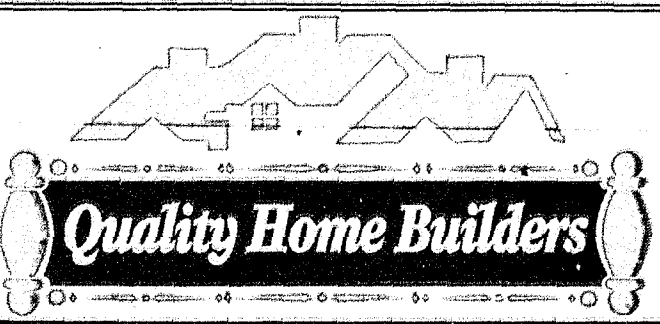


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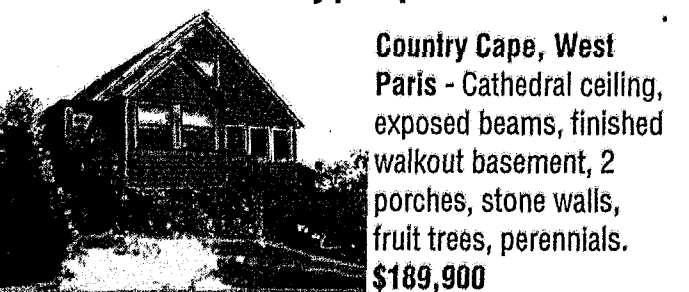
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Obituaries

RICHARD E. HAINES

Richard Ellsworth Haines, 73, of Peru died Sept. 1, 2009 at Rumford Hospital.

He was born in Houlton, June 19, 1936, the son of Verna Haines McGill and received his education in New Brunswick schools. He graduated from high school as class valedictorian in 1954.

He was a former member of the Army National Guard and worked as a self-employed diesel mechanic for many years. He worked at Hilltop Body Shop in Jay for several years, Chadbourne's Mill, and at O'Donald's Express as a truck driver. He was an accomplished bluegrass musician and played in the Pine Tree Bluegrass Band with his son, Carl, and also with the Shiloh Mountain Boys. He offered music lessons and stringed instrument repairs as well.

Mr. Haines enjoyed hunting, motorcycle trips to New Brunswick on his Harley, and attending bluegrass festivals. He was a member of the Bluegrass Association of Maine and the Dixfield Congregational Church.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Cynthia (Durrell) Haines of Peru, whom he married June 28, 1980, in Dixfield; daughters, Deborah Peterson and her husband Bob of California, Laura Pepin and her companion Doug Duguay of Dixfield, Lorraine Clukey and her husband John of Poland, Karen Shaw and her husband Troy of New Gloucester, and Janet Haines of Peru; sons, Billy Haines and his wife

Darlene of Florida, Jimmy Haines of Massachusetts, Earl Haines of Farmington, N.H., Carl Haines and his wife Lauren of Farmington, N.H.; a special cousin, Charlotte Soloway of Rhode Island; and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his mother and a son, Richard W. Haines.

Public memorial services were held Saturday, Sept. 5, at Dixfield Congregational Church. Those who desire may make memorial contributions to the Dixfield Congregational Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at info@wilescrc.com.

CAROLINE M. GREENE

Caroline Mae (Santti) Greene, age 76, of Sudbury, Mass., passed away on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 at Wingate at Sudbury. She was the wife of 56 years to Valton E. Greene.

Born in Newport, N.H., on May 3, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Arvo Santti and Flora (Nelson) Santti Haskett.

Mrs. Greene was raised and educated in Waltham and graduated from Waltham High School in 1951. She was employed as a bookkeeper at Kimball Lumber in Watertown and later employed at Caldor in Framingham for 20 years. She was also employed by the Lincoln Public Schools until her retirement.

During her spare time she enjoyed reading, knitting and traveling to their vacation home in Maine where she

and her husband enjoyed many good times with their family and friends.

Besides her husband she is survived by her two daughters, Susan Babb of Marshfield, Mass., and Linda Ryan and her husband Jim of Marlborough, Mass.; and three grandsons, David Babb and his wife Jennifer, and Benjamin and Nicholas Ryan.

A funeral service was held Sept. 13 at Concord Funeral Home, Concord. Interment was private.

Gifts in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, Mass. For online guest book visit www.concordfuneral.com.

MARY F. ROCCO

Mary F. Rocco, 93, of Clearwater Fla., and Brighton, Mass., died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 in Clearwater, Fla.

She was born in Boston, Mass., on Dec. 10, 1915, the daughter of Peter and Matilda (Pieri) Bonugli and had attended schools in Massachusetts and in Italy.

Mary had worked for many years as a seamstress until her retirement.

She had a great talent for knitting and crocheting and made beautiful gifts for her many family and friends.

Mary's pride was raising her four children whom she loved dearly.

Mary was married in Italy to her beloved husband, Adelio Rocco, who died in December of 1976 in Brighton, Mass.

She was the devoted mother of daughters, Gloria Favreau of Clearwater, Fla., Linda Marchildon and husband Robert of Hanover, Maine; sons, Peter Rocco of Guilford, Conn., Robert Rocco and wife Patricia of Danvers, Mass., 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren, and was predeceased by her parents, husband, grandson Michael Favreau, son-in-law Dennis Favreau, and daughter-in-law Catherine Rocco.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church, 28 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Mass. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, 2060 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA 02135. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760 in her memory. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.meaderandson.com.

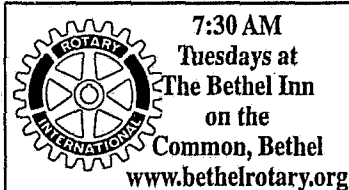
Births

Samantha and Eric Cheney are pleased to announce the arrival of their precious baby girl, Emelya Jade Cheney, born on Aug. 29, 2009 at York Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tracy Poland of South Woodstock, Kenneth Grover and Lori Smith of East Bethel. Maternal great-grandparents are Thomasina Poland of South Woodstock and Jean Grover of East Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are John and Dale Cheney of Bethel. Paternal great-grandparents are Earl and Winnie Cheney of Florida and Dorothy Sweeney of Massachusetts.

Emelya shares her birthday with Grandpa Ken.



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Maine's Pesticide Disposal Program

Many Maine citizens may be living unaware of a quiet crisis lurking in or near their homes. In barns, basements, sheds or garages throughout the state reside tons of banned and unusable pesticides: old chemicals with infamous names like DDT, lead arsenate, 2,4,5-T, and chlordane.

Often, new owners of older homes or farms discover they have inherited hazardous waste. At this point, they face a dilemma: hire an expensive hazardous waste disposal service or dump the chemicals illegally, inviting harm to the environment and public health.

Fortunately, there's a third option that's both legal and responsible. Even better, it's free, simply by contacting the Maine Board of Pesticides Control. This October, the Board, with help from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, will collect and dispose of pesticides that are banned or have become caked, frozen, or otherwise unusable. And, again, there is no cost to homeowners — the collection is fully funded by a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and pesticide registration fees.

To take advantage of this opportunity, contact the Board immediately to register for the collection (see contact information below). There will be four sites throughout the state where people will be able to bring their obsolete pesticides. The collected chemicals go to out-of-state disposal facilities licensed by the EPA where they are incinerated or reprocessed.

While offering free obsolete pesticide disposal does not come cheap for the Board, it's clearly a bargain compared to the potential environmental damage and the extremely high cost of cleaning up contaminated soil or water. However, future funding is not guaranteed, so the Board urges people to take advantage of this year's collection while it's available.

To register and learn important information about the temporary storage and transportation of obsolete pesticides, go to the Board of Pesticides website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org, or call 287-2731. Once registered, you will be assigned a date and location for the collection. To participate in the program, preregistration is required by Sept. 25.

Should you miss this collection, check with you local town office to see if your town or one nearby will be offering a household hazardous waste collection day where pesticides are accepted.

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control (www.thinkfirstspraylast.org) is the lead state agency for pesticide regulation. It is part of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, with policy decisions made by a seven-member, public board.

This column was submitted by staff from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control. In Our Back Yard is a weekly column of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). E-mail your environmental questions to info@dep.maine.gov or send them to In Our Back Yard, Maine DEP, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

Oxford County Municipal Officers Association

Will be hosting a presentation regarding both the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and "TABOR II" citizen initiatives that will be decided on November 3, 2009.

Oxford County key and elected municipal officials, road commissioners, public works directors, treasurers and finance directors, assessors, administrative assistants, overseers of the poor, clerks, tax collectors, planning board members, county officials, legislators and the general public are encouraged to attend.

Monday, September 14, 2009

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Paris Fire Station

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Contact Kim Sparks, OCMOA President for more information
Greenwood Town Office, 875-2773

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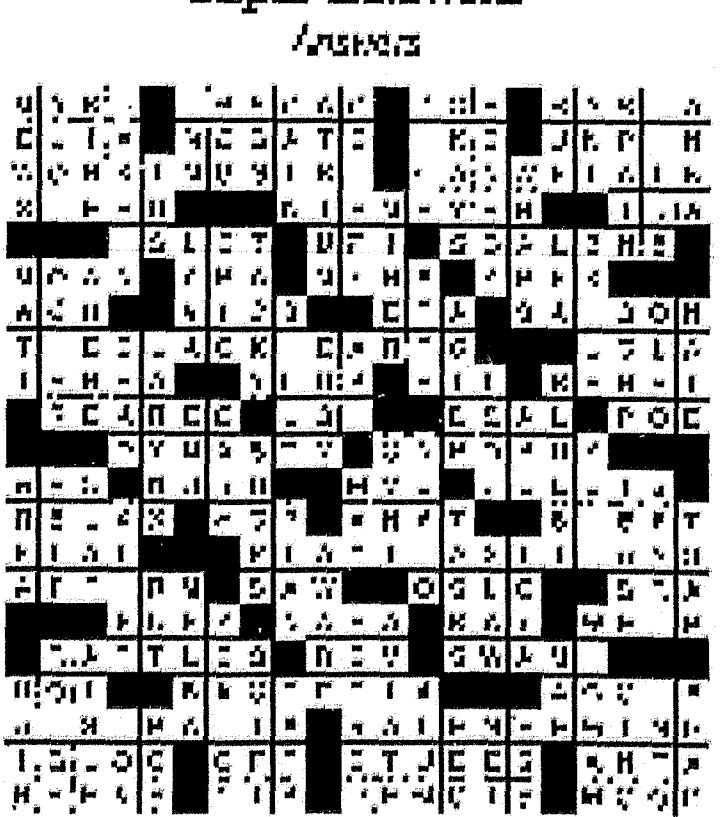
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